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SHONEN JUMP MANGA
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volume 6

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Thinking of nothing. I love deer. When I'm around them, all my thoughts stop and my mind is at peace. Their awesome facial expressions seem to express that total lack of thought, that lack of consciousness. Whenever I watch them, I just end up sitting down and relaxing.

—Hiroyuki Takei, 1999
(at Kofuku temple, Nara, Japan)

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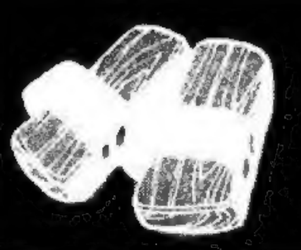

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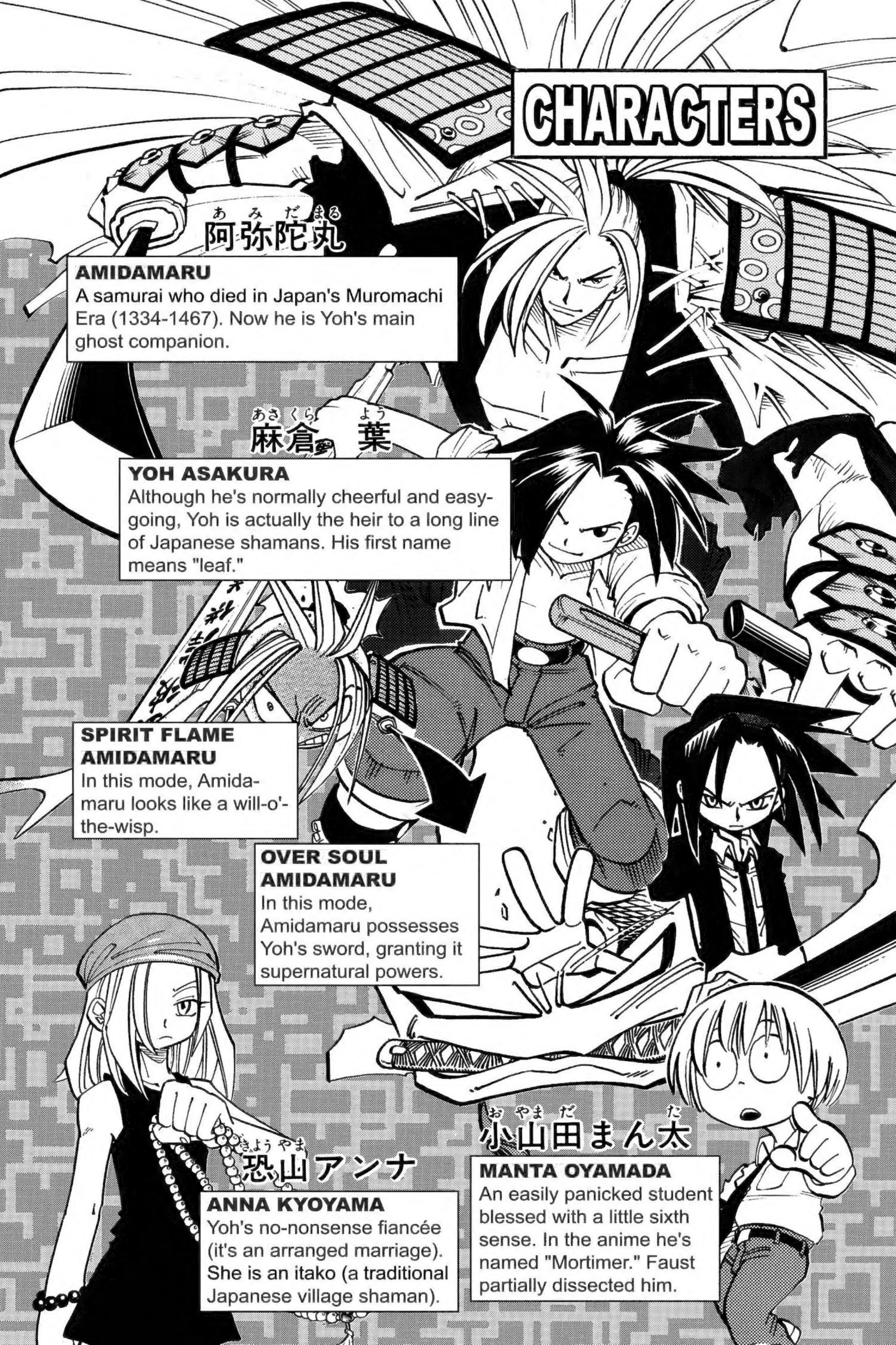
CHARACTERS
阿弥陀丸
AMIDAMARU
A samurai who died in Japan's Muromachi Era (1334-1467). Now he is Yoh's main ghost companion.
麻倉葉
YOH ASAKURA
Although he's normally cheerful and easy-going, Yoh is actually the heir to a long line of Japanese shamans. His first name means "leaf."
SPIRIT FLAME AMIDAMARU
In this mode, Amidamaru looks like a will-o'-the-wisp.
OVER SOUL AMIDAMARU
In this mode, Amidamaru possesses Yoh's sword, granting it supernatural powers.
恐山アンナ
ANNA KYOYAMA
Yoh's no-nonsense fiancée (it's an arranged marriage). She is an itako (a traditional Japanese village shaman).
小山田まん太
MANTA OYAMADA
An easily panicked student blessed with a little sixth sense. In the anime he's named "Mortimer." Faust partially dissected him.

THE STORY SO FAR...

Yoh Asakura is a shaman--one of the gifted few who, thanks to training or natural talent, can summon spirits that most people can't even see. Once every 500 years, shamans from around the world gather to compete in the Shaman Fight, the grand tournament to see who can channel the "King of Spirits" and become the Shaman King. Already Yoh has fought against Native American, Chinese and Ainu shamans. But now he finds himself at the end of his rope against the European sorcerer Faust VIII...

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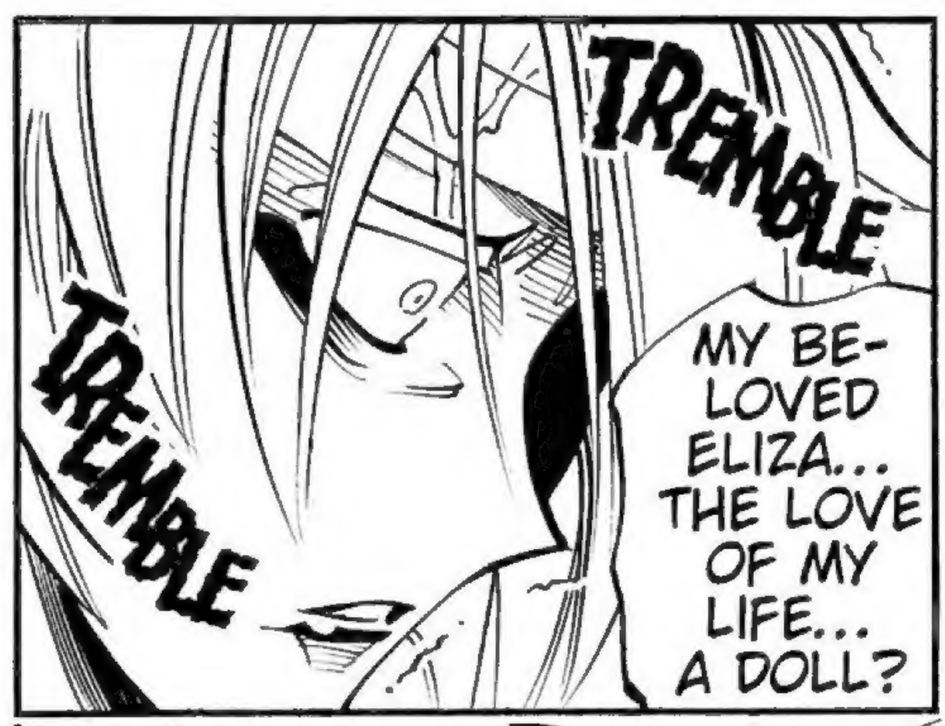
HWOOO

"PLAY-ING?"

"DOLLS...?!"

Reincarnation 45: Faust Love

"DOLL"?


TREMBLE
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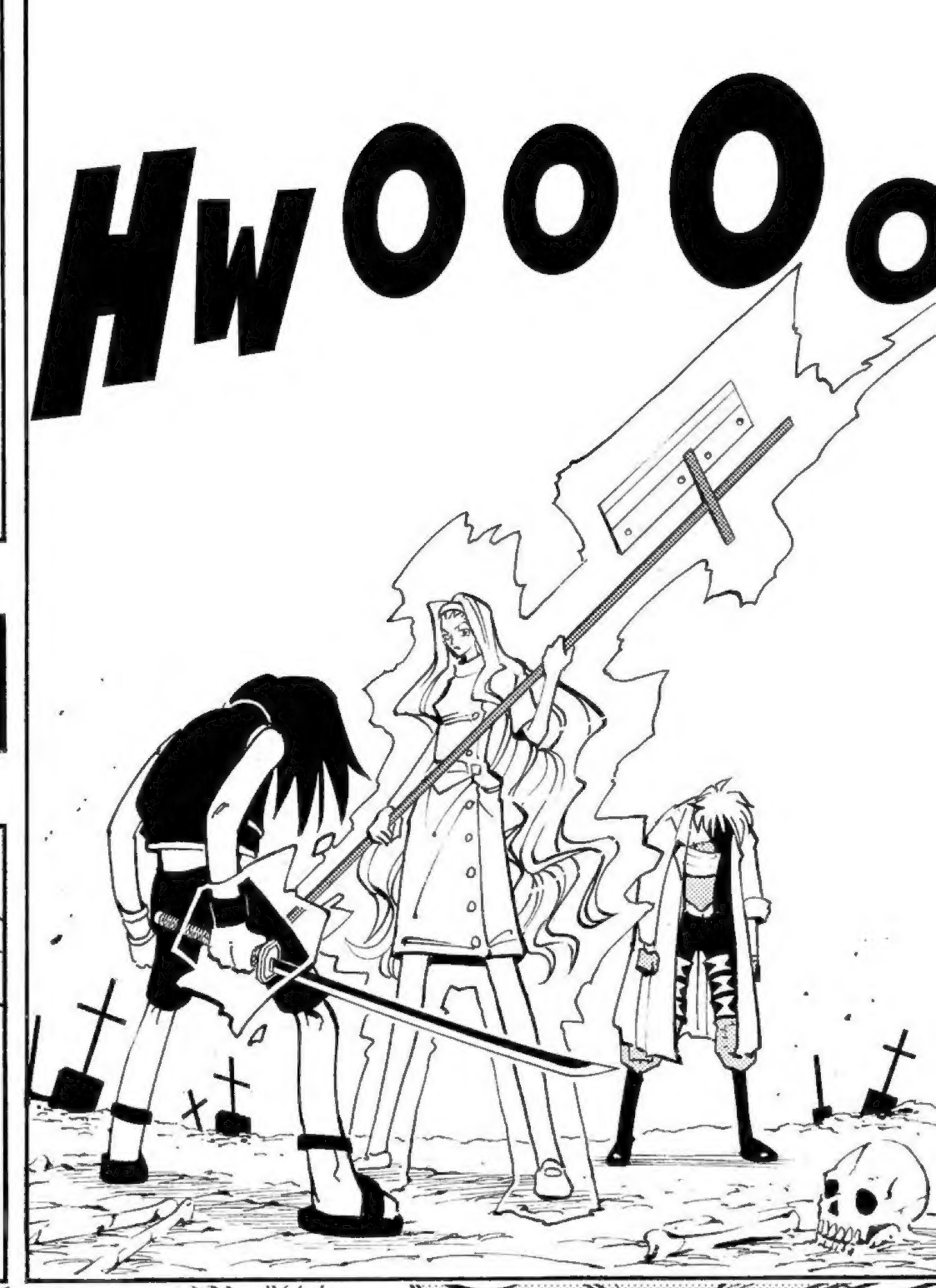
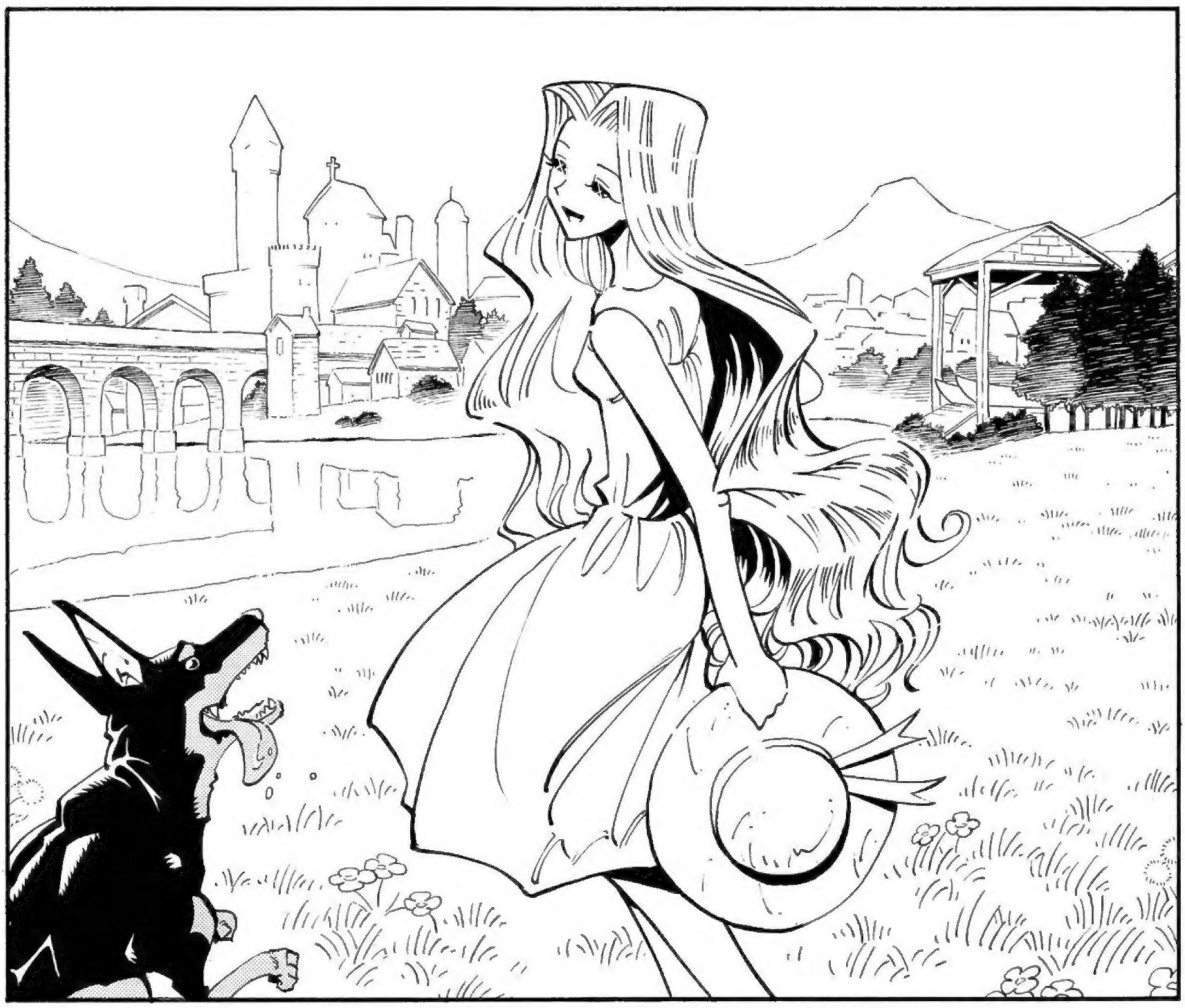
MY BE-LOVED ELIZA... THE LOVE OF MY LIFE... A DOLL?


HwOOOOo

KABAM
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT WITH FLESH!!

Reincarnation 45:
Faust Love



YOU CALL MY EXQUISITE ELIZA A LOWLY DOLL?! AND ACCUSE ME OF "PLAYING" WITH HER?!

WHAT

I DARE YOU TO SAY IT AGAIN!

BOOM

SAY IT AGAIN, SCHWEIN! SAY IT!! SAY IT!!

YOU HAVE SEALED YOUR DOOM!

HMPH.

HE'S GONE BERSERK! YOH'S GETTING THRASHED!

WHOA

NOW FAUST HAS LOST IT!

SEEMS LIKE AN ODD PATH TO VICTORY TO ME, SILVA!

THIS ELIZA MEANT A LOT TO FAUST.

LOOKS TO ME LIKE...

BUT USUALLY, IF THE DECEASED HAS ANY WILL LEFT, IT WON'T WORK.

A NECROMANCER CAN ANIMATE LIFELESS CORPSES...

WHAT?!

YOH LEARNED THAT WHEN HE FOUGHT BAILONG. SO HE FIGURED THAT ELIZA HAS LITTLE OR NO WILL LEFT IN HER.

SHE'S JUST A HUSK, BUT FAUST KEEPS HER AROUND ANYWAY... BECAUSE HE CAN'T BEAR TO LET HER GO.

THAT'S WHY YOH CALLED HER A DOLL...

...TO MAKE FAUST MAD... BECAUSE IT'S TRUE.

RAGE HAS BLINDED FAUST. HE'S EXPENDING MANA RECKLESSLY.

LOOK AT YOH'S OVER SOUL!

FAUST IS HEMOR-RHAGING MANA!

KLANG

YOH'S USING FAUST'S OWN STRATEGY. HE'S DODGING ELIZA'S ATTACKS!

WHOA! THEN IT'S WORK-ING!!

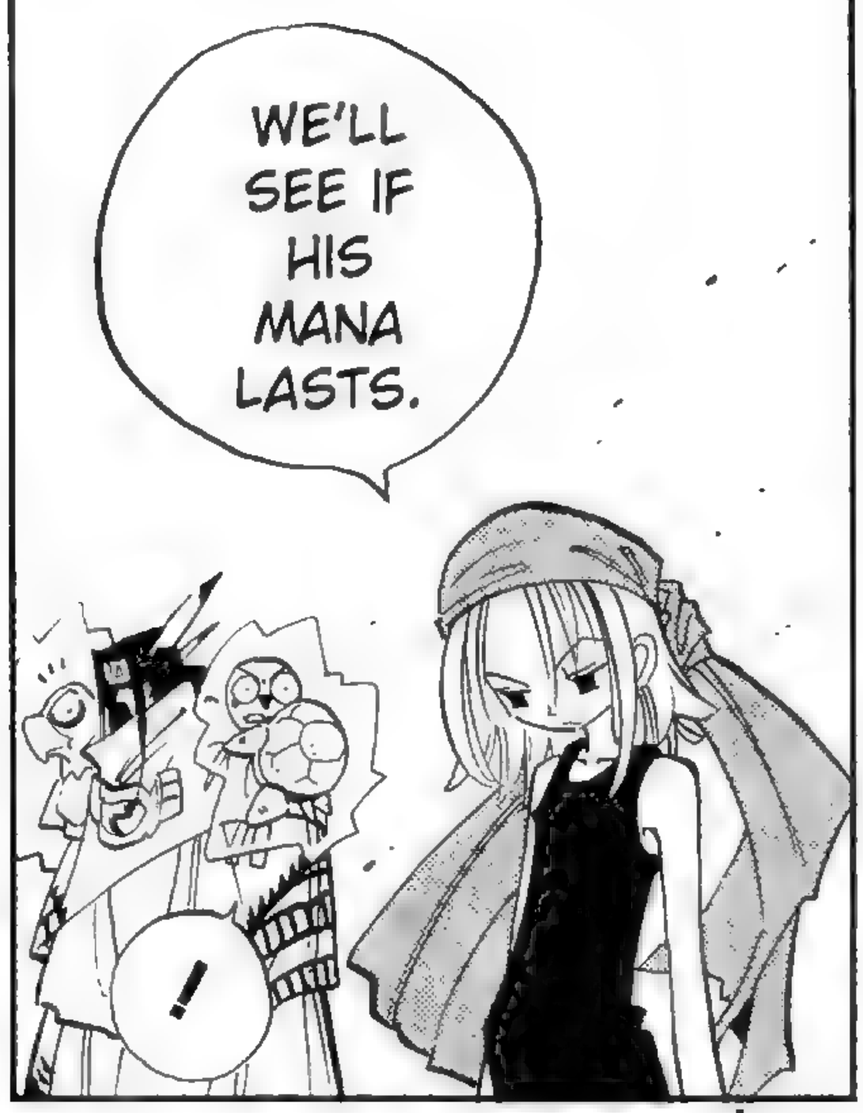
WOW!

THAT'S A WISE USE OF SO LITTLE MANA!

FOOMPH

HE'S FOCUSING ALL HE'S GOT AT THE TIP OF THE BLADE!

THIS KID SURE LEARNS FAST!


WE'LL SEE IF HIS MANA LASTS.
!

HE'S BLEEDING BADLY.

IS THIS HIS "WISDOM"...?

FAUST STILL HAS A BIG ADVANTAGE.
HE'S TOO TIRED TO FULLY FEND OFF FAUST'S ONSLAUGHT...

STOP SCAMPERING AND FACE HER, YOH ASAKURA!

WHACK

WUS

I'LL GLADLY SAY IT AGAIN.

...

YOU HAD A SAD, LONELY LOOK IN YOUR EYES WHEN I MET YOU.

I'LL CARVE OUT YOUR WICKED TONGUE...

AND PRESERVE IT IN FORMAL-DEHYDE!

SAY IT AGAIN, COWARD!

bam

AND YOU SAID YOU BECAME A SHAMAN BECAUSE YOU LOST A BATTLE AGAINST DEATH...

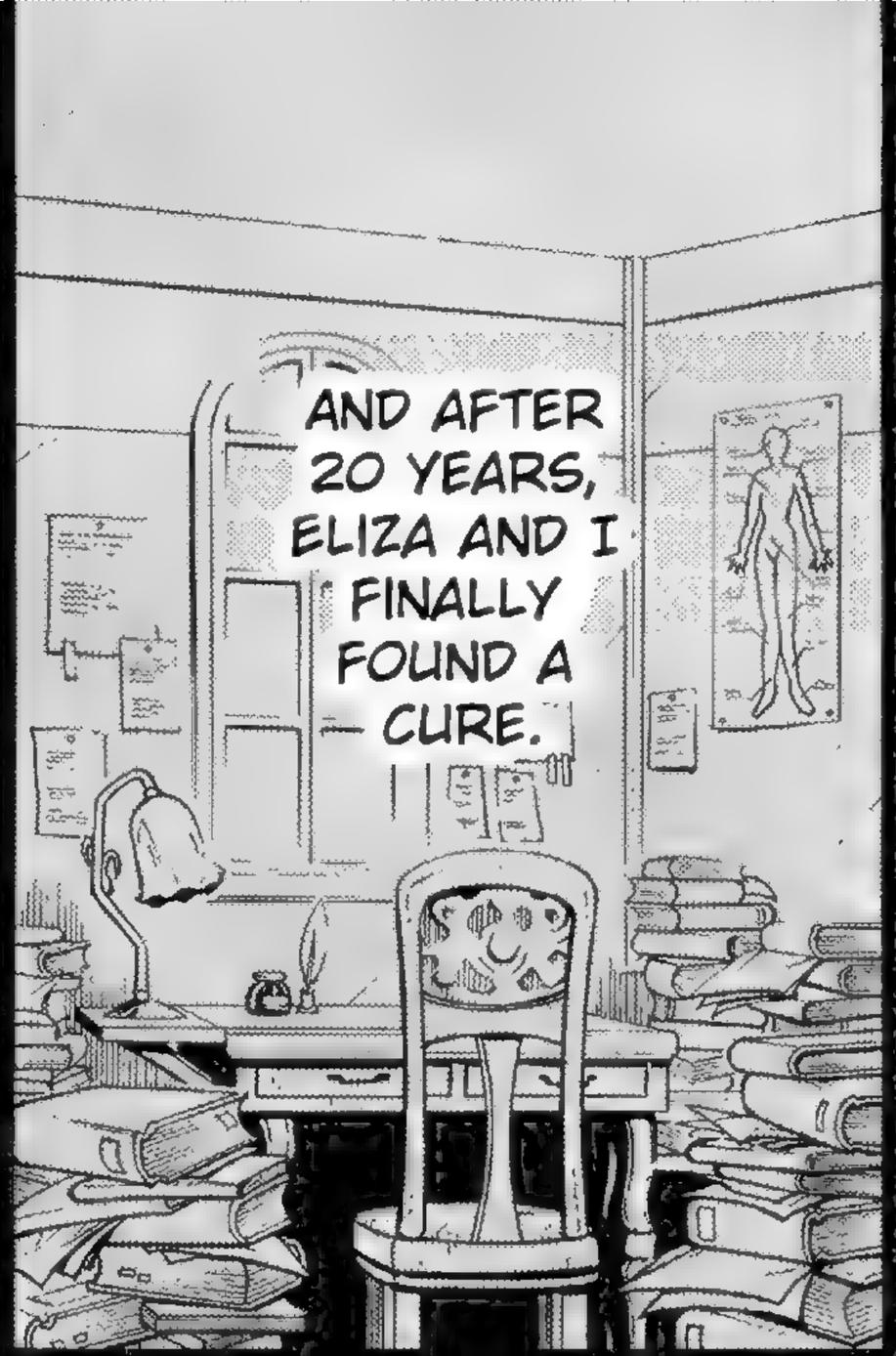
YOU'RE TOO BIG TO BE PLAYING WITH DOLLS, FAUST.
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW?
NHEH HEH HEH...
HMPH...
HOW COULD A CHILD COMPREHEND A MAN'S ANGUISH AT THE LOSS OF HIS WIFE?!
YOU'RE A CHILD!
GRR
GRR

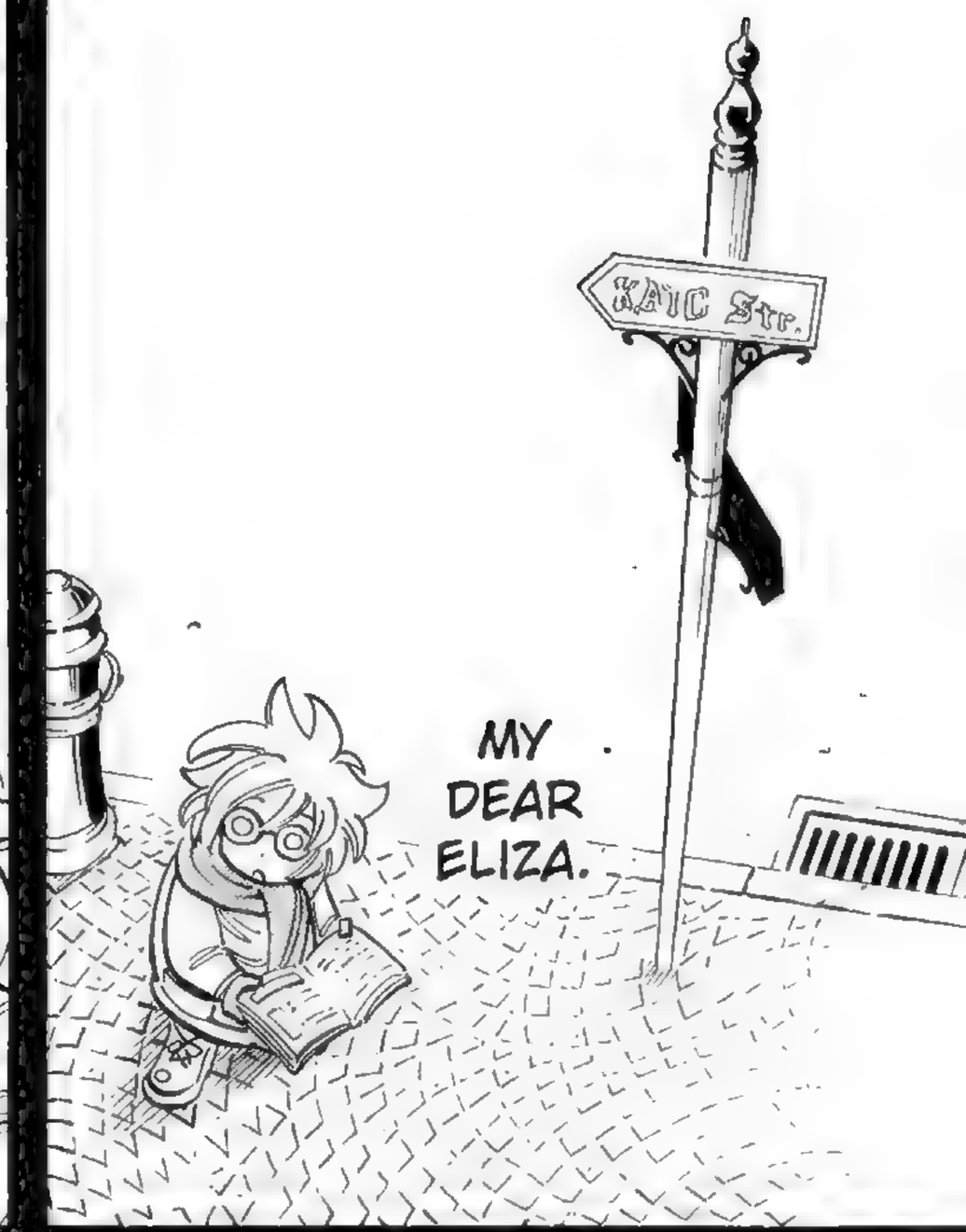
HIS WIFE?!
HIS...
!

YES...
ELIZA WAS THE ONLY WOMAN I EVER LOVED...

AND HER NAME WAS ELIZA.

WE WERE A FAMILY OF DOCTORS. THE STUDY OF MEDICINE WAS MY LIFE, I HAD NO TIME FOR FRIENDS.
THERE WAS ONLY ONE WOMAN WHO EVER GAVE ME A WARM LOOK, A KIND WORD.





WE BOUGHT A HOUSE ON A BLUFF WITH A GLORIOUS VIEW.

AND OH, WE WERE BLISS-FULLY HAPPY.

WE OPENED A SMALL CLINIC, JUST THE TWO OF US.

THE WOMAN I HAD LOVED SINCE I WAS A BOY LAY ON THE COLD FLOOR WITH BLOOD AND BRAINS OOZING FROM HER FOREHEAD...

THE BULLET ENTERED HER SKULL... DEATH STEALS PEOPLE WITHOUT REMORSE.

MURDERED?!

BUT THEN, ON OUR FIRST NIGHT IN OUR NEW HOUSE, ELIZA WAS MURDERED BY A BURGLAR.

DOOOOM

BUT I COULD NOT DEFEAT DEATH.

I TRIED DESPERATELY TO SAVE HER.

NO WONDER HE WENT BONKERS.

WHAT A SAD STORY.

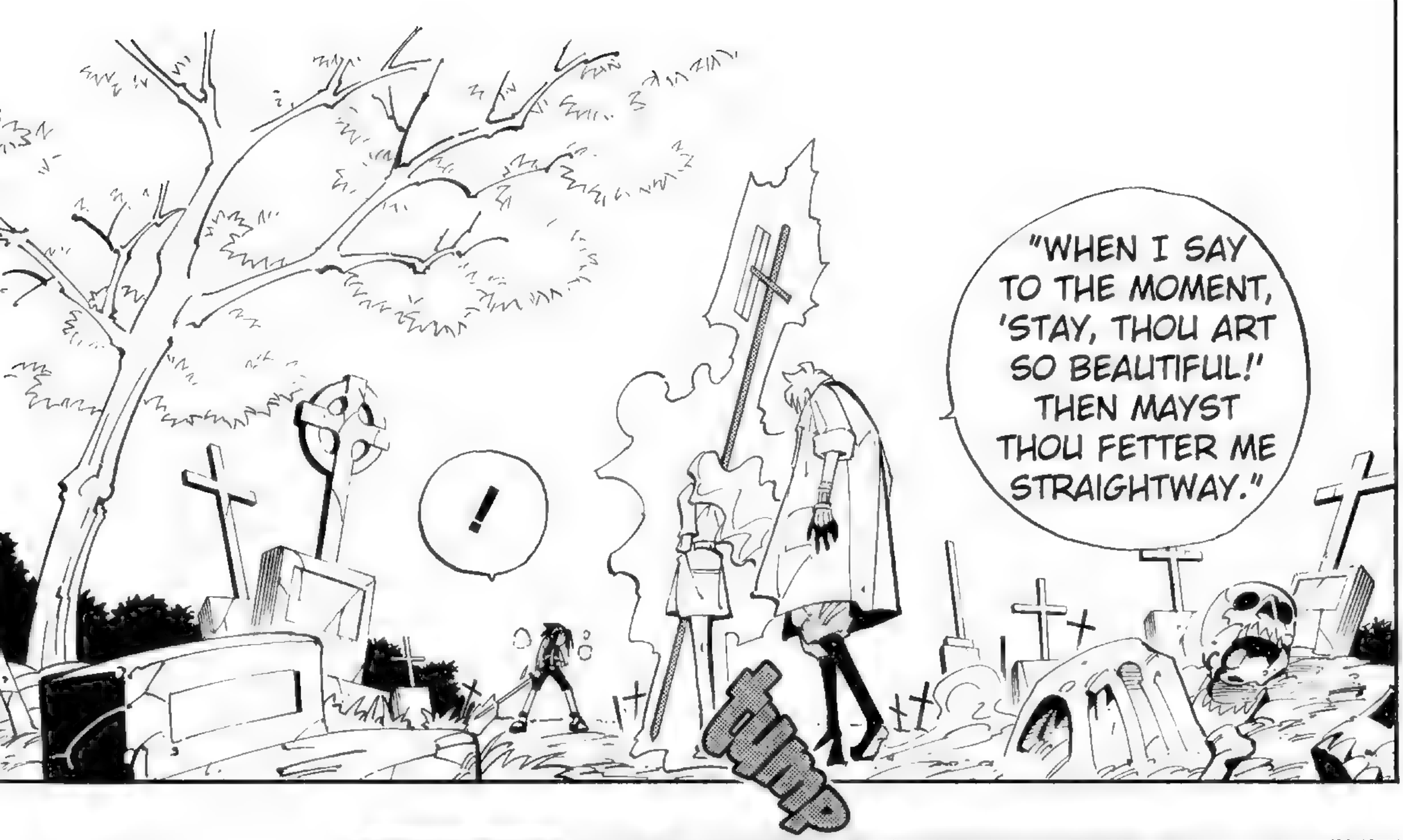
NO ONE COULD!

EVEN AT THE COST OF MY HUMANITY.

AND FINALLY, I DISCOVERED THE WAY.

I HAD TO SEE HER AGAIN.

THE SECRETS OF A FORBIDDEN ART, WRITTEN BY THE FIRST FAUST 500 YEARS BEFORE--
CLAVICULES DE SALOMON
NECROMANCY...!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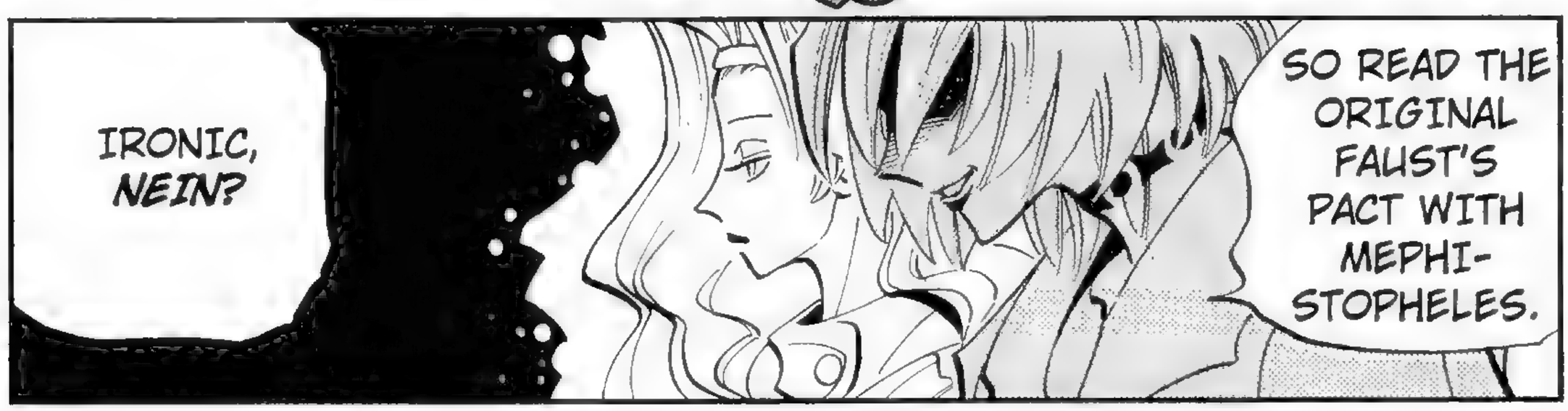
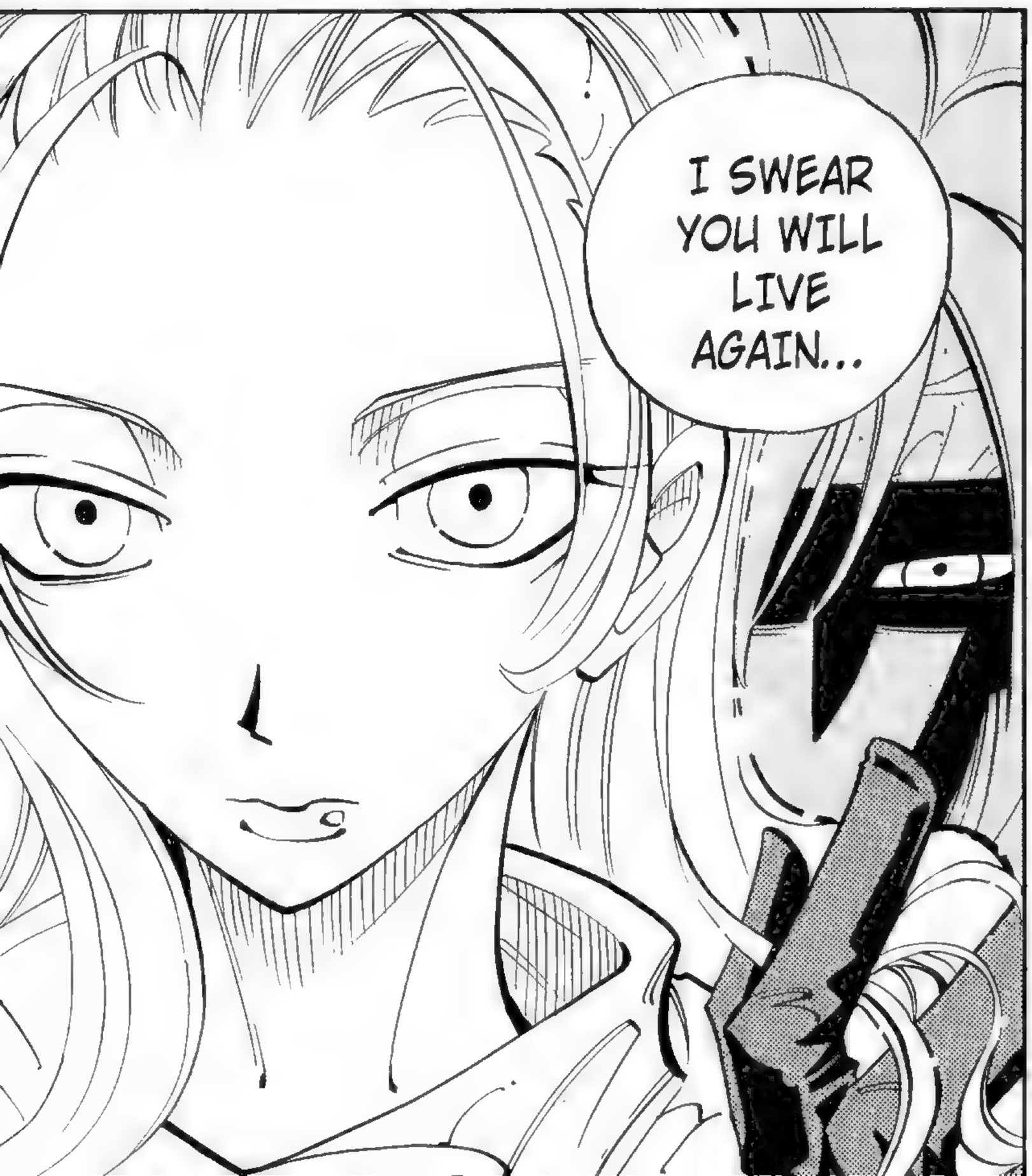
"WHEN I SAY TO THE MOMENT, 'STAY, THOU ART SO BEAUTIFUL!' THEN MAYST THOU FETTER ME STRAIGHTWAY."


IRONIC, *NEIN?*
SO READ THE ORIGINAL FAUST'S PACT WITH MEPHI-STOPHELES.

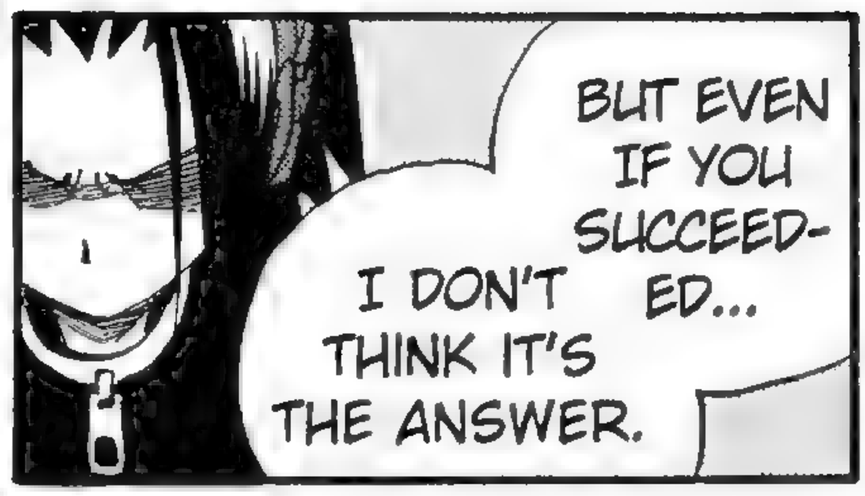

I SWEAR YOU WILL LIVE AGAIN...

POOR ELIZA. YOU'RE NO DOLL.

SHOOM!

WHEN I AM SHAMAN KING!!!

THAT'S WHAT MAKES LIFE PRECIOUS.

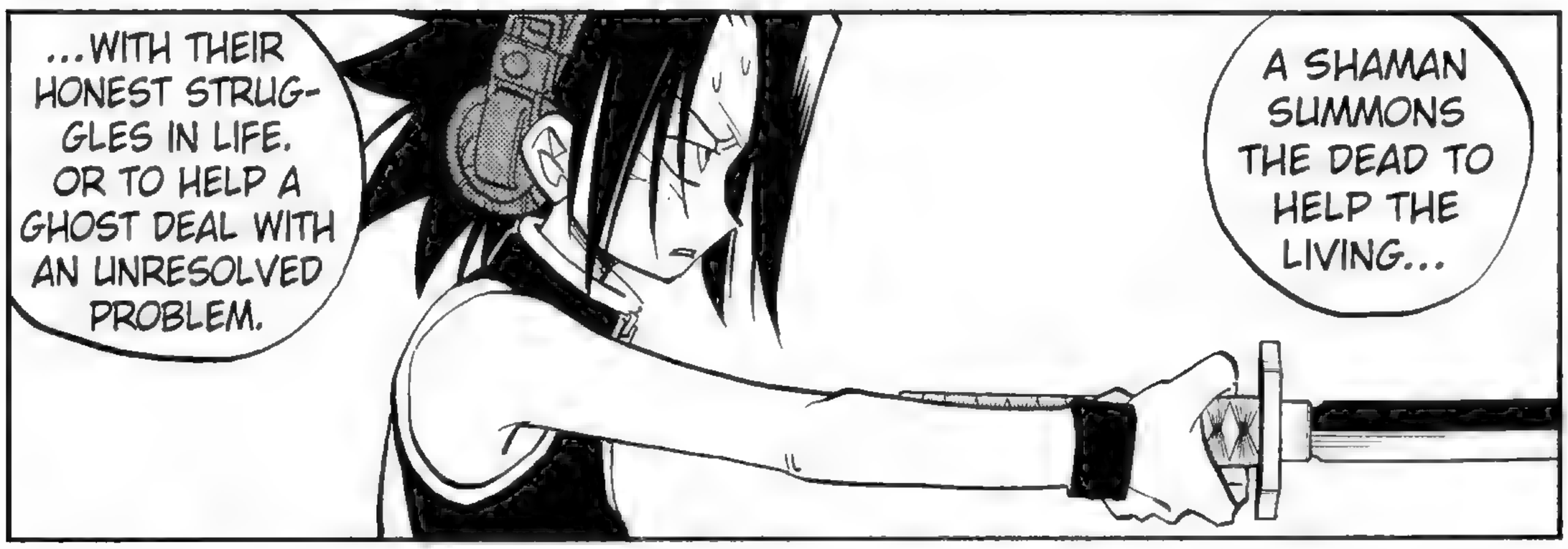

BUT EVEN IF YOU SUCCEED-ED...
I DON'T THINK IT'S THE ANSWER.

EVERYONE DIES, EVENTUALLY.

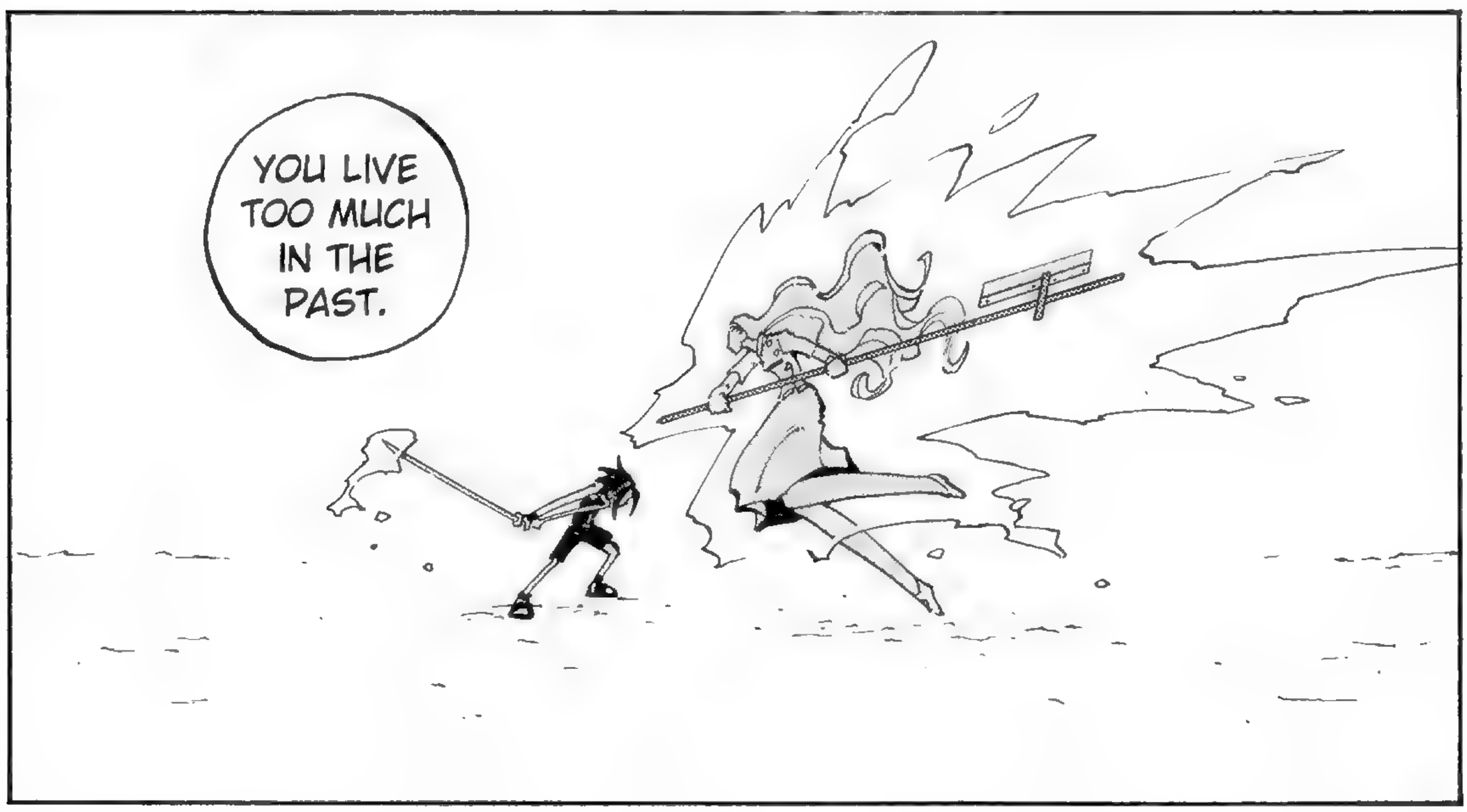
WHO'S
SO THAT'S YOUR STORY.

SWAG
IF YOU CONQUER DEATH, WILL LIFE STILL HAVE VALUE?

ahahaha
HA HA HA! ENOUGH TALK! DIE!


...WITH THEIR HONEST STRUGGLES IN LIFE. OR TO HELP A GHOST DEAL WITH AN UNRESOLVED PROBLEM.
A SHAMAN SUMMONS THE DEAD TO HELP THE LIVING...

FAUST...


YOU LIVE TOO MUCH IN THE PAST.

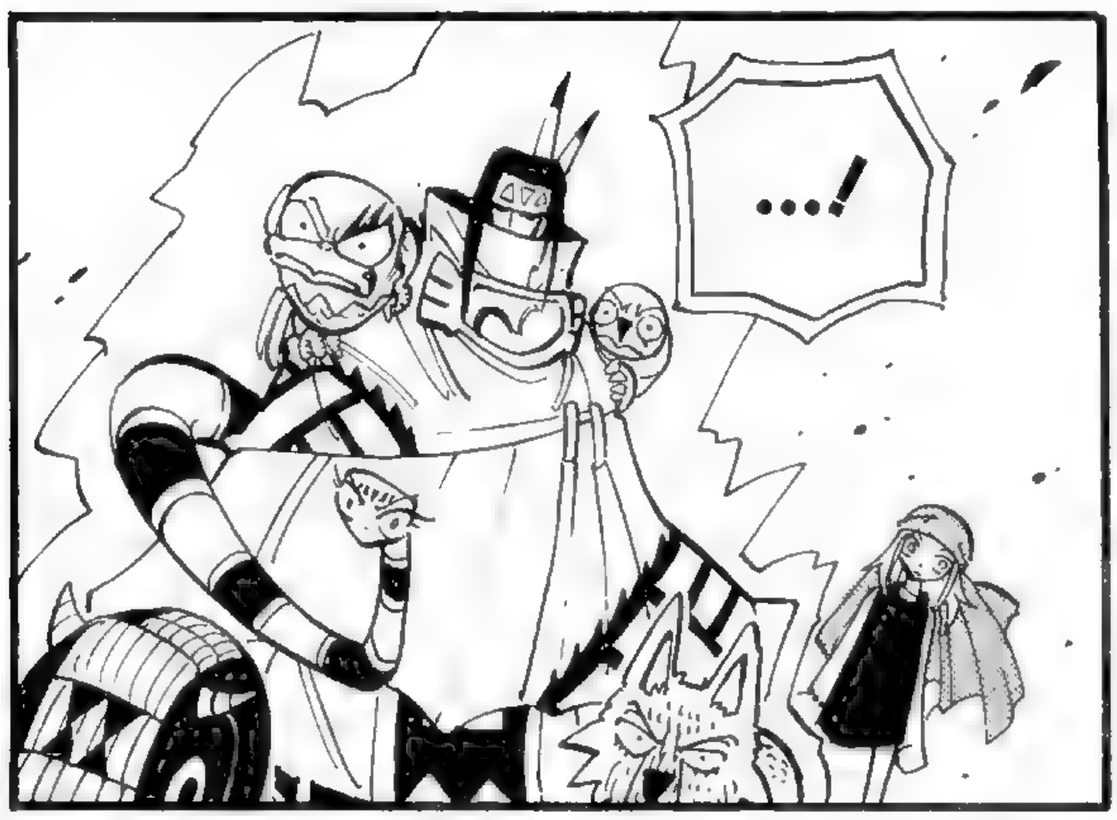
YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE SHAMAN KING!!

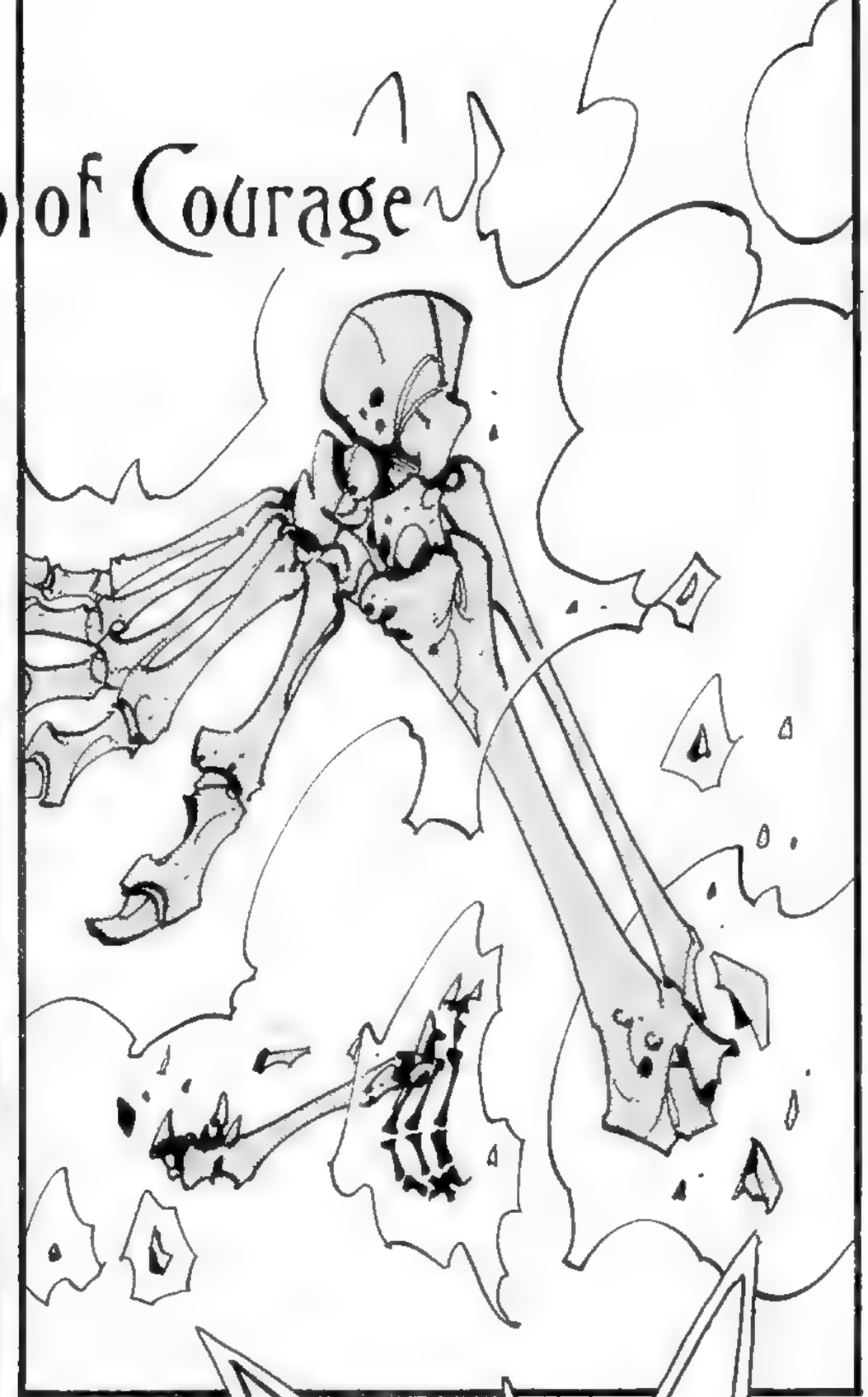
SHAMAN KING CHARACTER FILE No.24

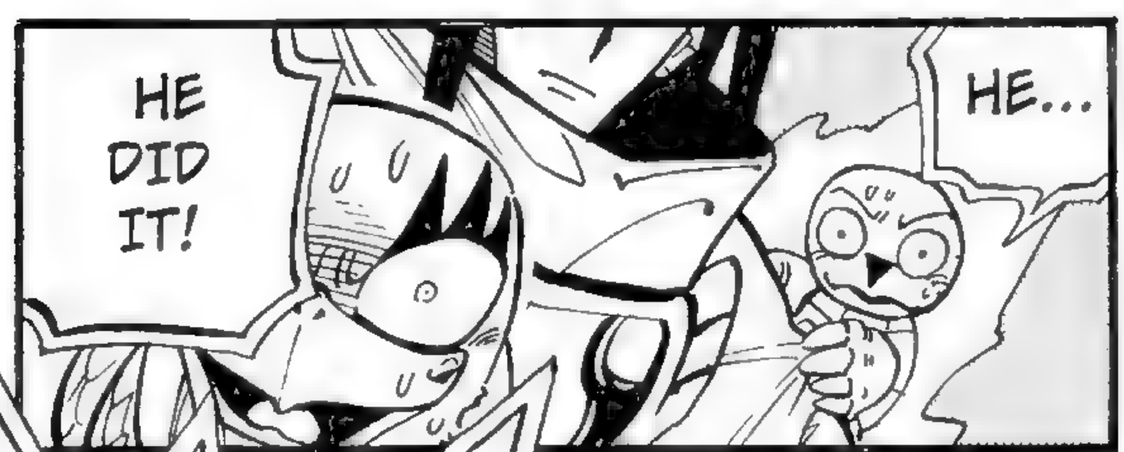
ELIZA·FAUST

DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 29, 1963
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: CANCER
BLOOD TYPE: AB
AGE (AT TIME OF DEATH): 26

Reincarnation 46: A Form of Courage







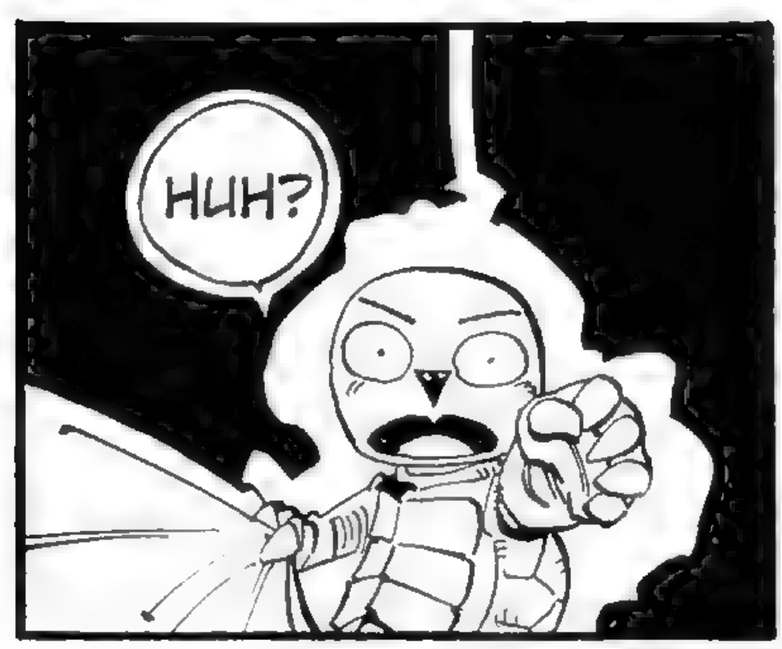
FINALLY REACHED FAUST'S ELIZA!

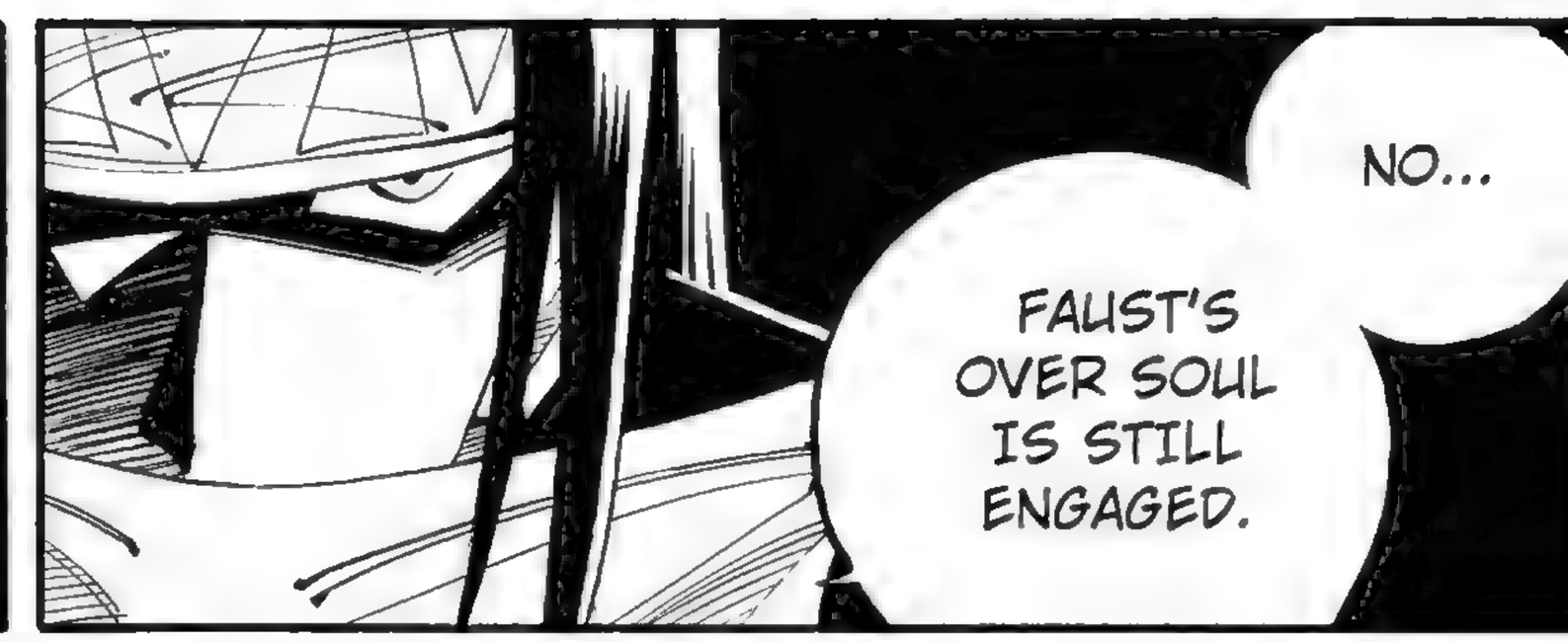
YOH'S OVER SOUL...

YEAH!

ELIZA...
...
SWURP
KRASH

GOOD JOB, YOH! HE'S WON HIS PRELIMS!!
whee
ha ha!!
WITHOUT LEGS, ELIZA'S USELESS!
HA HA HA! YOU'RE FINISHED, FAUST!!

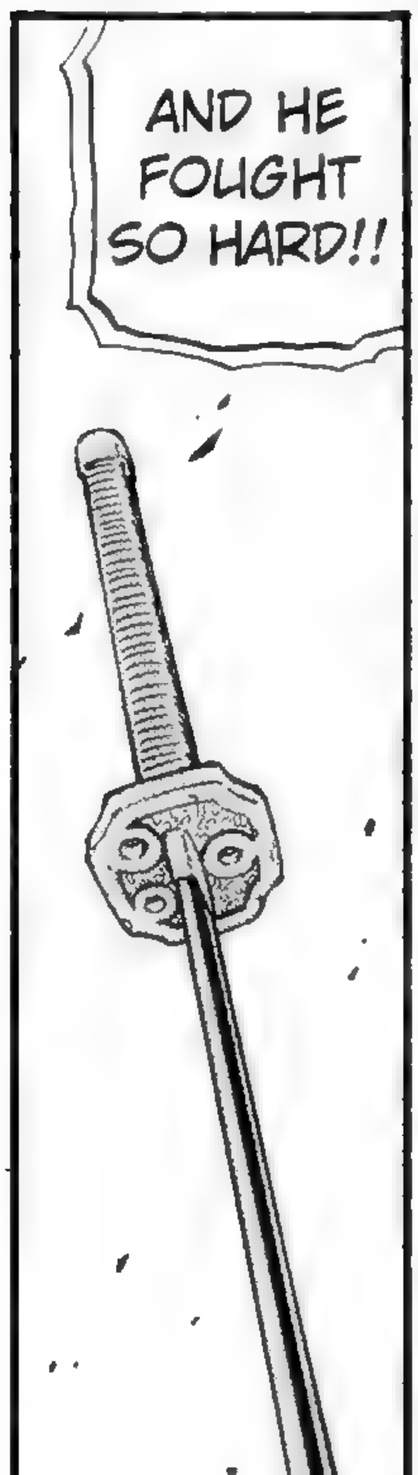

HUH?


NO...
FAUST'S OVER SOUL IS STILL ENGAGED.

Reincarnation 46: A Form of Courage

HE'S LOST THE MATCH...

YOH'S OUT OF MANA.



LORD YOH!

BOM

IT'S NOT FAIR!

HUD

HIS MANA'S SPENT. HE CAN'T EVEN STAND UP.

...

HANG ON!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LORD YOH!?

HUFF HUFF

TH-THIS SUCKS...

HUFF

...!

TMP

"WHAT WILL BE, WILL BE"... TO WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE...

LORD YOH!?

ALWAYS SEEMED LIKE A WASTE OF ENERGY.

THAT EVERYTHING WOULD WORK OUT FOR ME... WHATEVER HAPPENED.

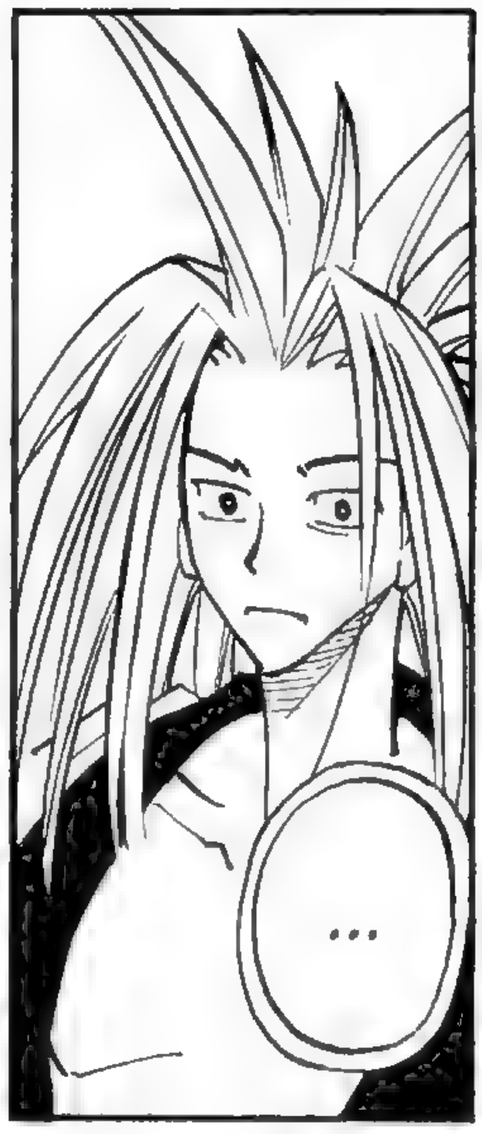
I ALWAYS BELIEVED...

I ALMOST LOST MY DREAMS, MY LIFE, MY FRIEND... EVERYTHING!

BUT I WAS WRONG!!

IT *DIDN'T* WORK OUT THIS TIME!!

BLUP
IF I DIDN'T WORRY ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING, I'D NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED!!
I JUST WANTED TO HAVE AN EASY LIFE!
I KNOW THE AGONY OF DEFEAT!!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
YOH'S CRYING!? BUT I THOUGHT NOTHING RUFFLES HIM!
...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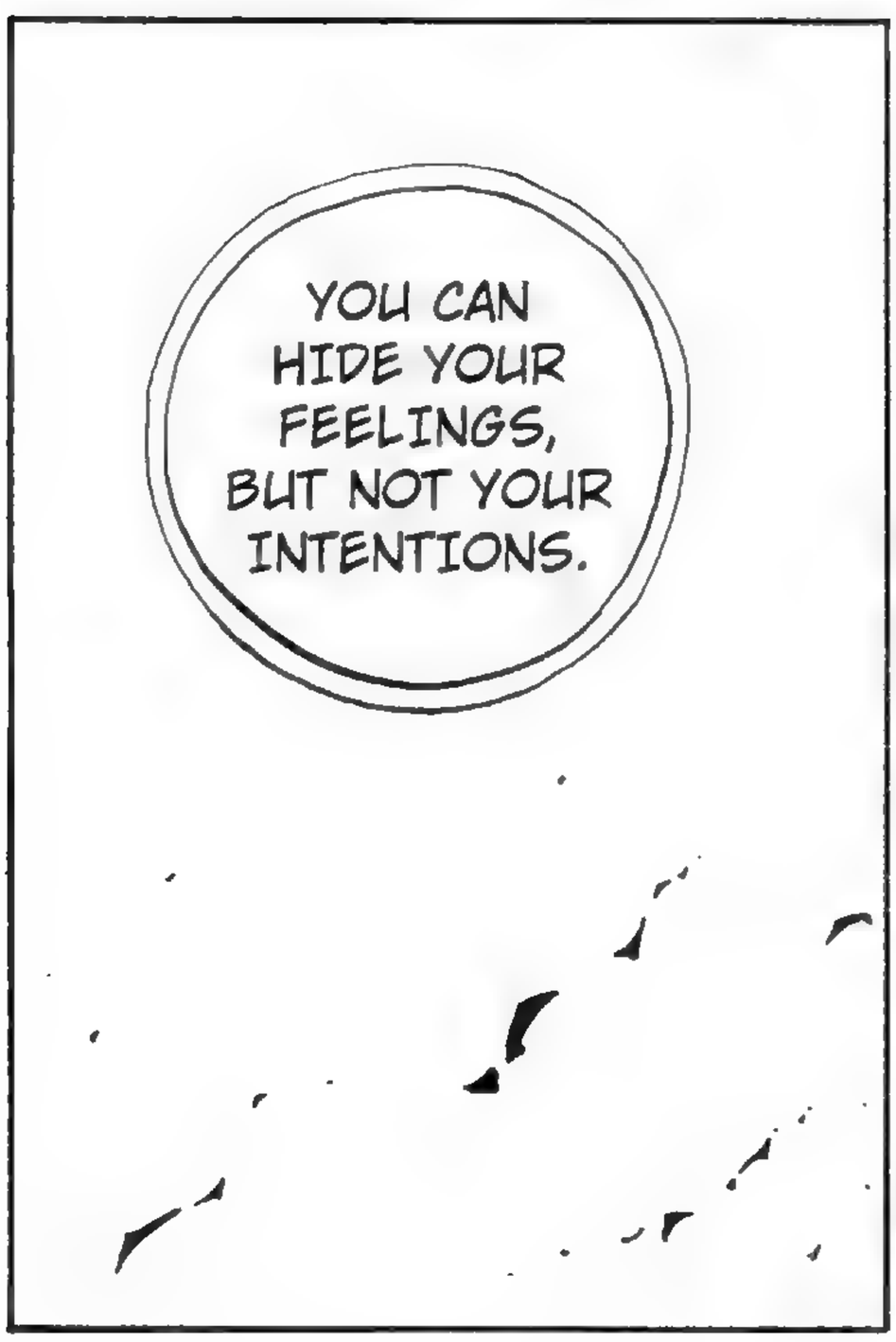
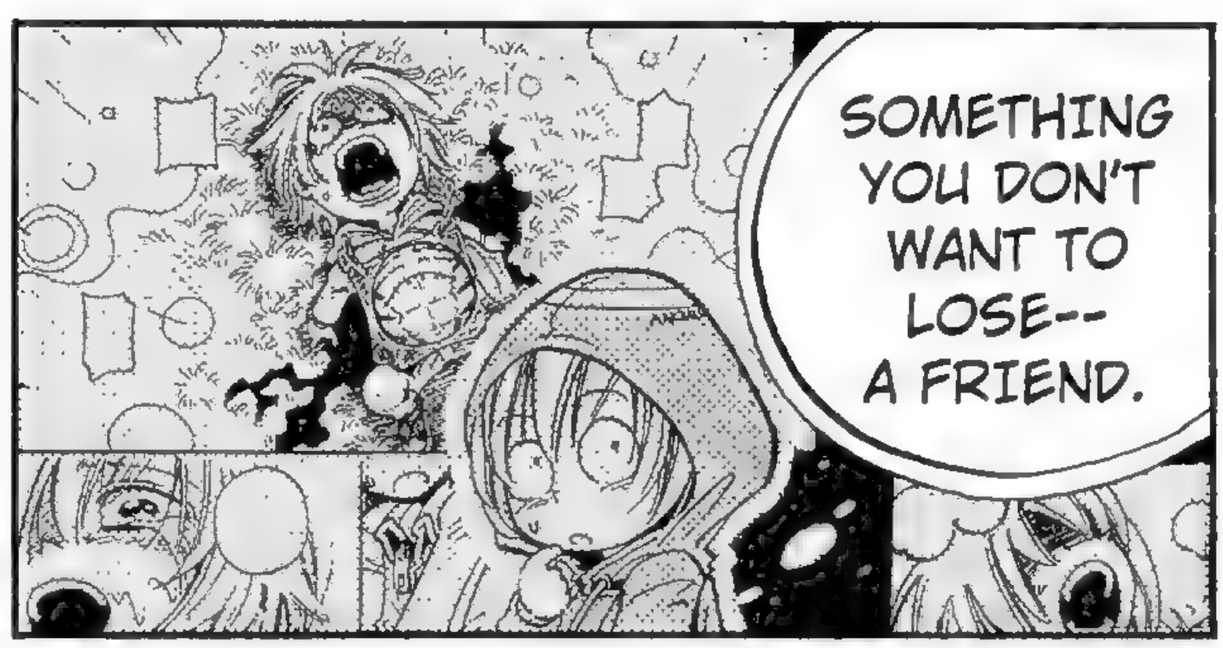
WHY...?

...BECAUSE YOU NOW HAVE SOMETHING YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT.
YOU HURT...


YOU CAN HIDE YOUR FEELINGS, BUT NOT YOUR INTENTIONS.


SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE-- A FRIEND.

YOU COULD NOT FORGIVE YOUR ENEMY FOR HARMING HIM.

THAT YOU WANT TO BE SHAMAN KING WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

NOW YOU REALIZE...

WITH ALL MY HEART...

EVERYONE HAS FEARS AND ANXIETIES.

YOUR MOTTO IS "EVERY-THING WILL WORK OUT"...

WHAT MATTERS IS HOW YOU DEAL WITH THEM.

IF YOU WERE TRULY FREE OF CARE, YOU WOULD BE AN IDIOT.

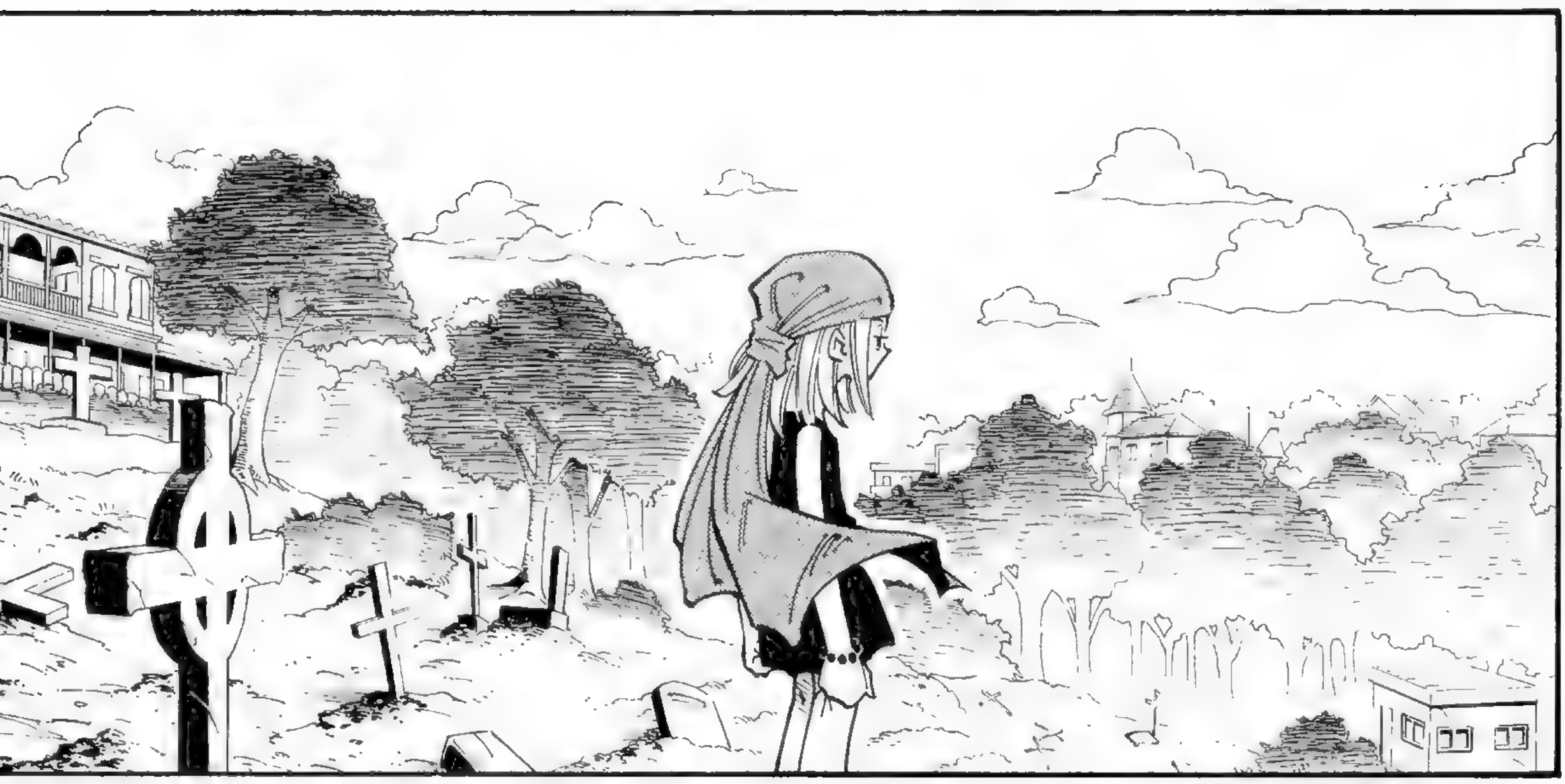
WHAT!?

HA HA HA

THAT TOO IS A FORM OF COURAGE.
HMM...
MAYBE IT IS.

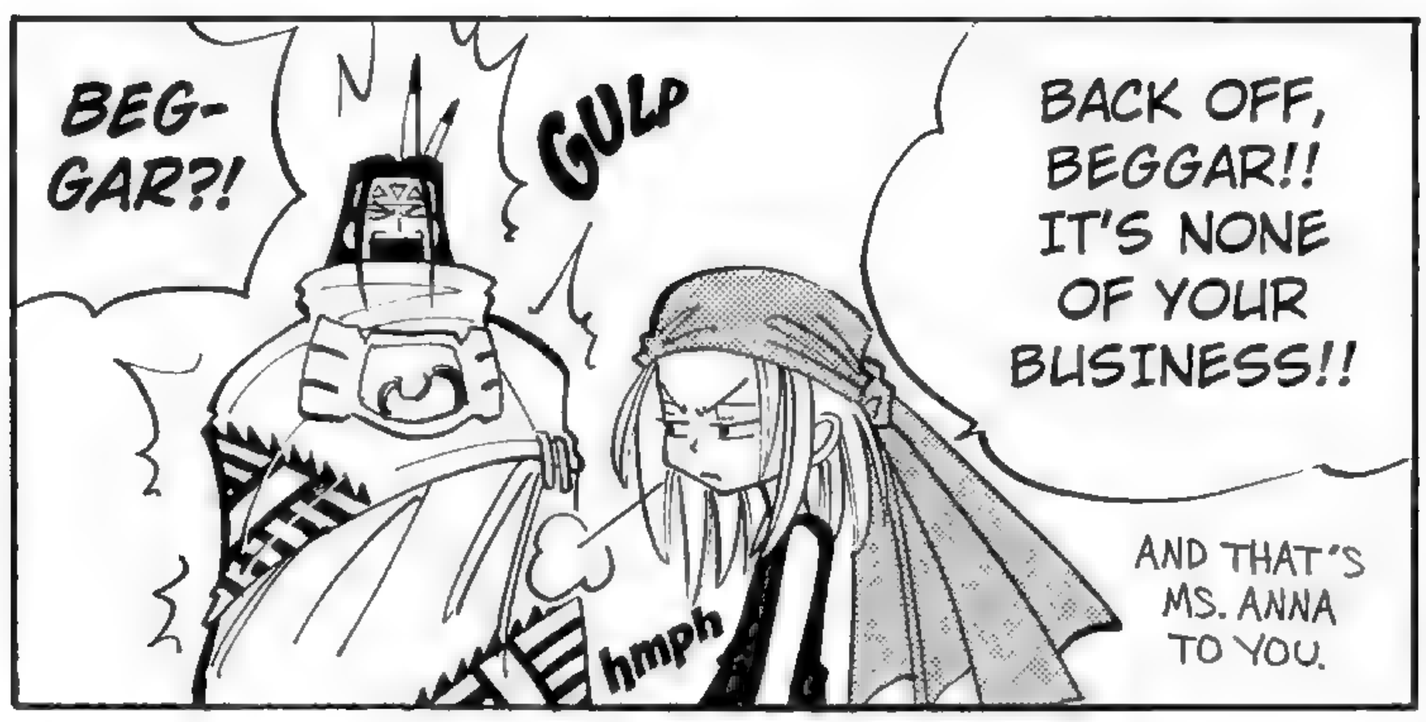
YOH'S GOT A GOOD SPIRIT ALLY IN AMIDAMARU.
HEH... HE SAYS SOME WISE THINGS.
POOF
GRRR
HMPH! THAT SAMURAI DROPS OUT OF THE OVER SOUL, THEN WANTS TO GIVE SPEECHES!?

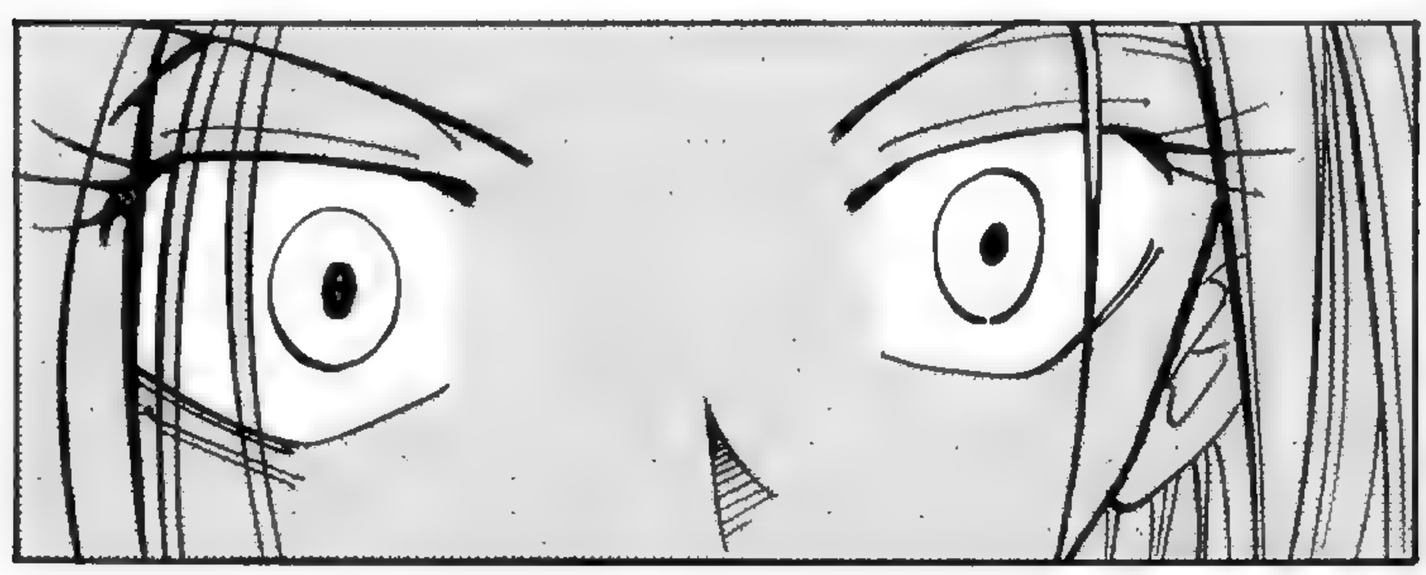
THIS LOSS MAY WELL TURN OUT TO BE A GREAT ASSET TO HIM.
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT.



HE DID WELL TODAY.
oh no!
SPURT
YEAH...

YOH WILL NEED ME LESS AND LESS.





SHE'S BROKEN...
MY DEAR, DEAR ELIZA IST KAPUT...!
FAUST!!

ANNA!?

!

dash

FAUST ISN'T FINISHED!

LOOK OUT!!

YOH, RUN!

YOH CAN'T RUN WITH THAT WOUND!!

I GOTTA HELP MY MAN, DON'T I?

SHE'S RIGHT...!

FLIP

IT'S UP TO US!

SFX: GO

LET'S GO, SPIRITS!!

I'LL KILL YOU.

HEH HEH HEH...

YOU BROKE THE ONLY WOMAN I EVER LOVED...

klak

I'LL TURN YOU TO CARRION...

klak klak

...WITH THIS 20-TON CALCIUM GIANT!
kla-kla-kla-kla-kla
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HA HA HA HA HA! DIE!!!

20 TONS!?

RRAAAA

FWOOM

YOH!!!!

WHAM

HE'S MY NEXT OPPONENT.

I CAN'T LET YOH DIE YET.

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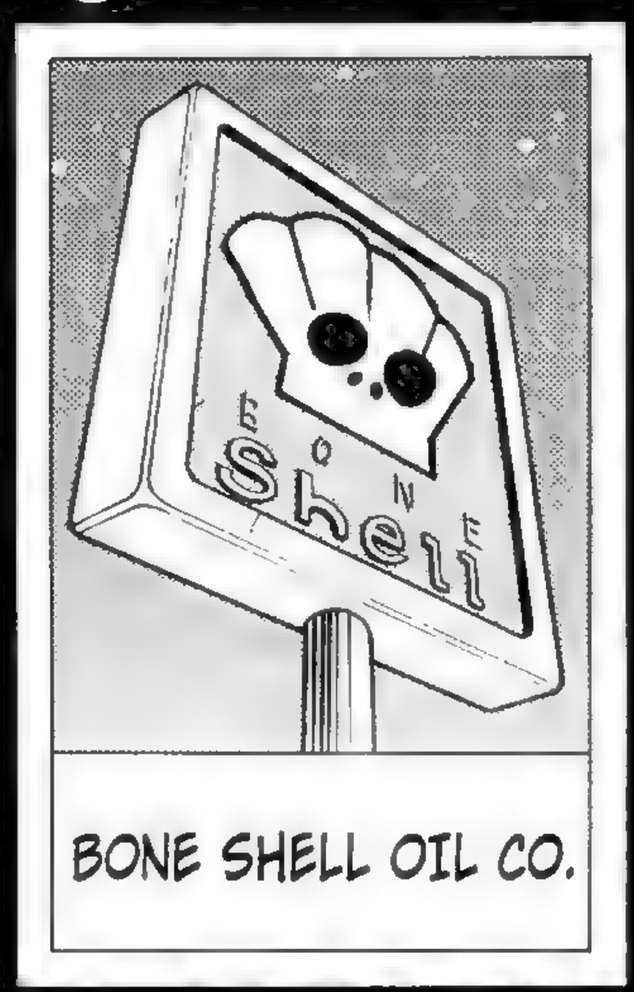

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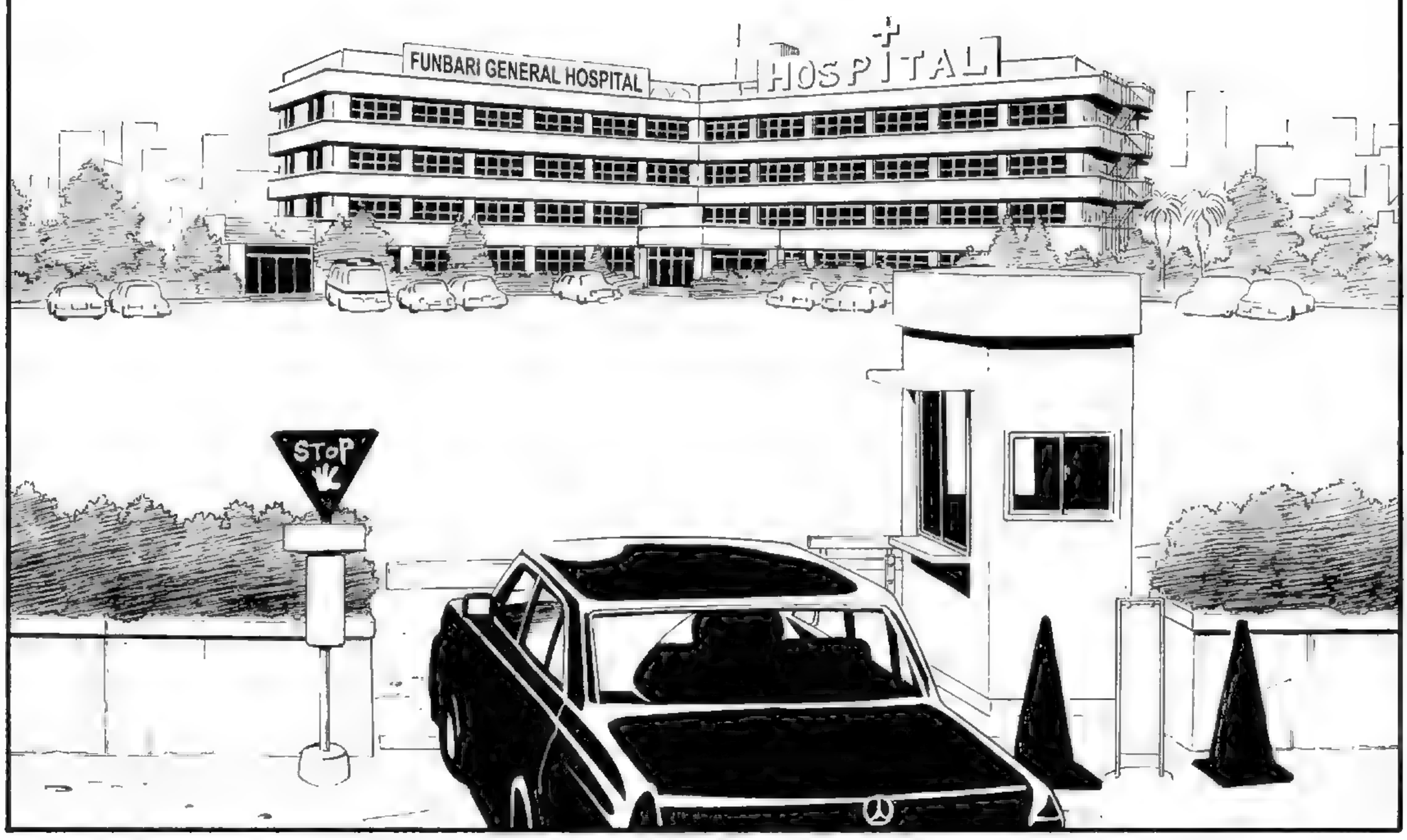

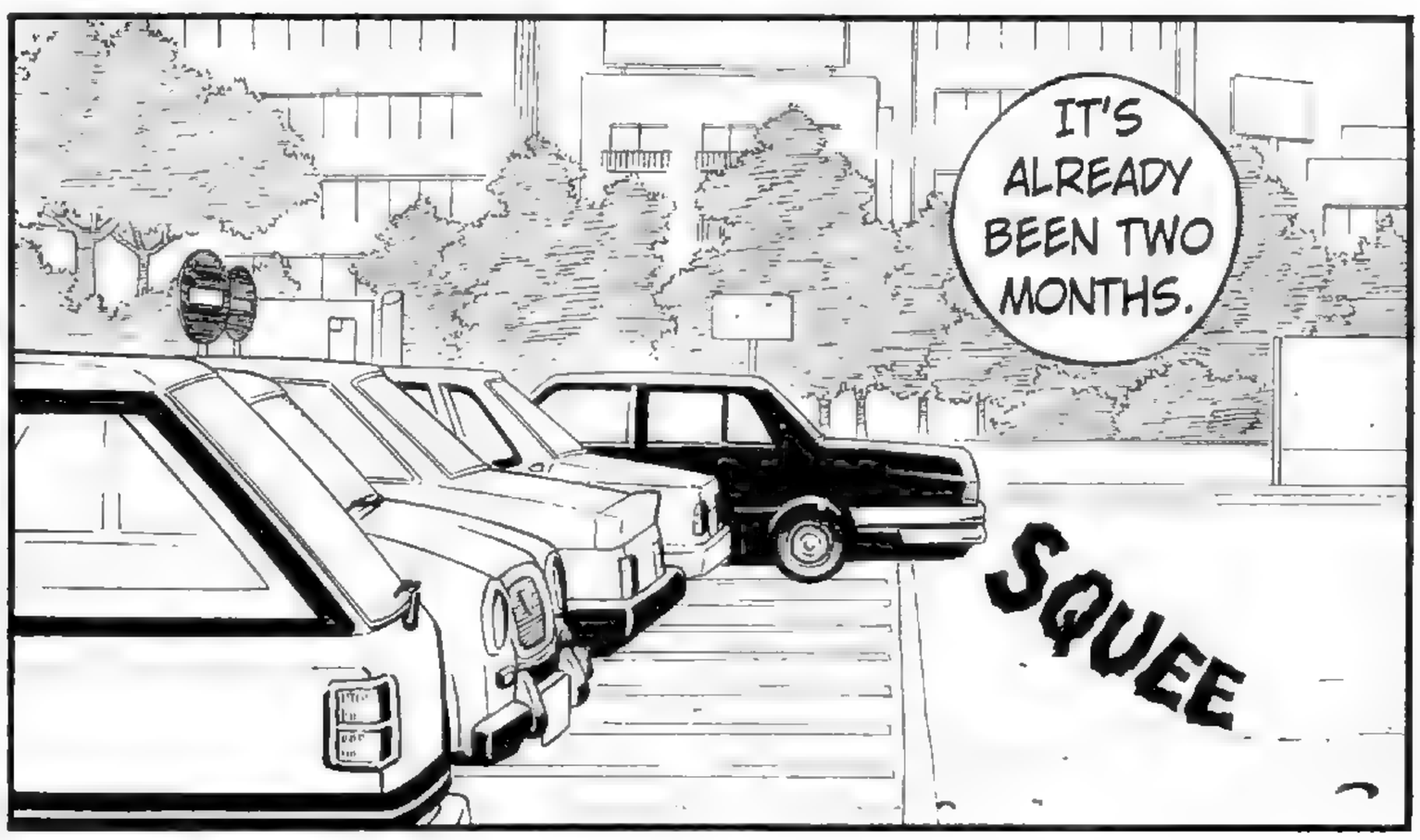

HE DOESN'T WANT TO CHANGE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF HIS FRIEND AT SHINRA ACADEMY.

HE HASN'T LEARNED HIS LESSON, EH?

THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CHANGE HIS MIND...

WHAT ARE KEIKO AND MANNOKO DOING?

HIS WOUNDS ARE HEALING WELL. HE'LL BE DISCHARGED SOON...

I'M A BUSY MAN, I'VE NO TIME FOR SENTIMENTAL NONSENSE. HE'S COMING BACK TO THE STATES WITH ME WHETHER HE LIKES IT OR NOT.

RIDICULOUS.

HE'S MY SON AND HEIR TO THE OYAMADA COMPANY.

I'M DEPENDING ON MANTA.

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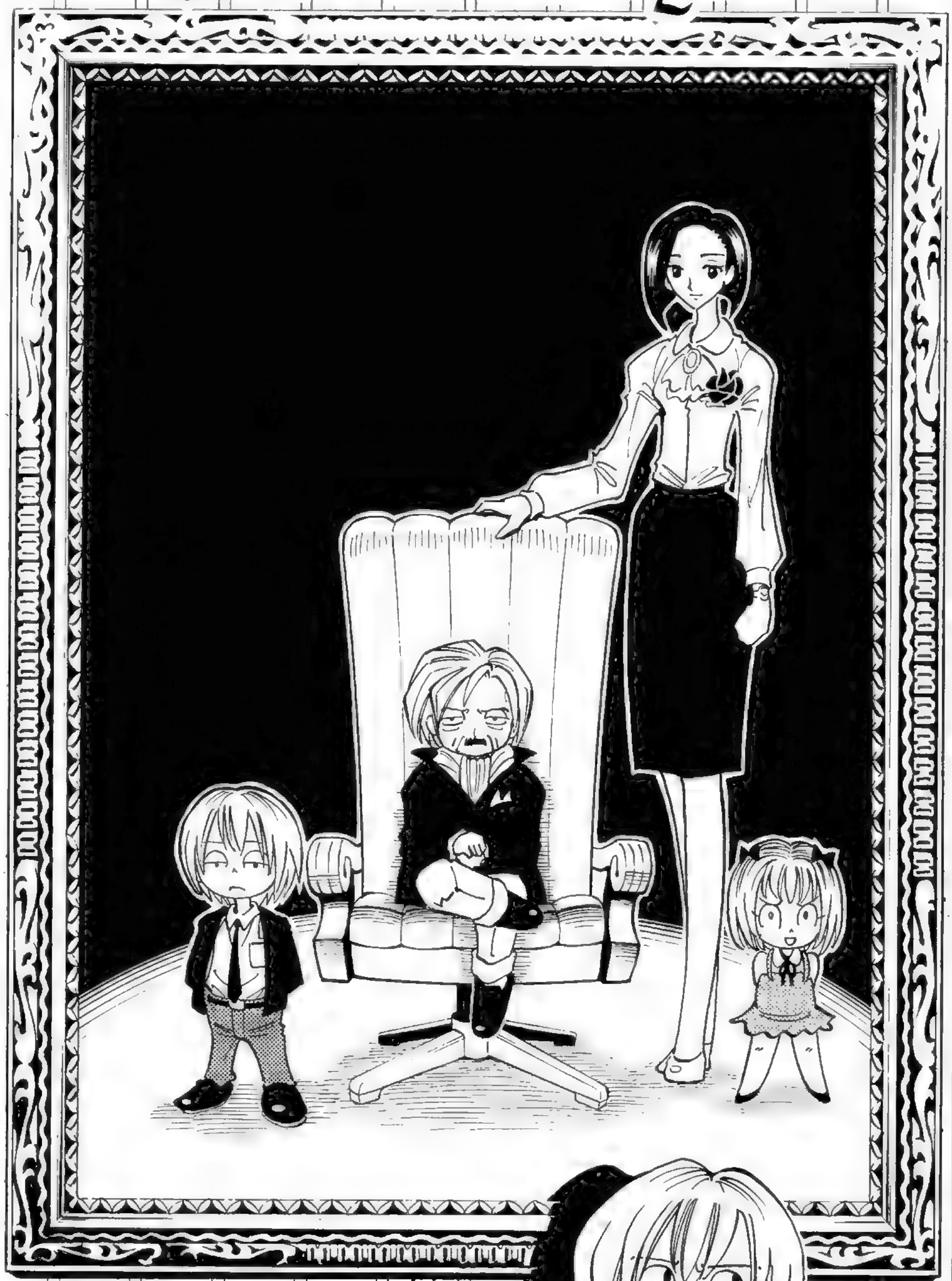
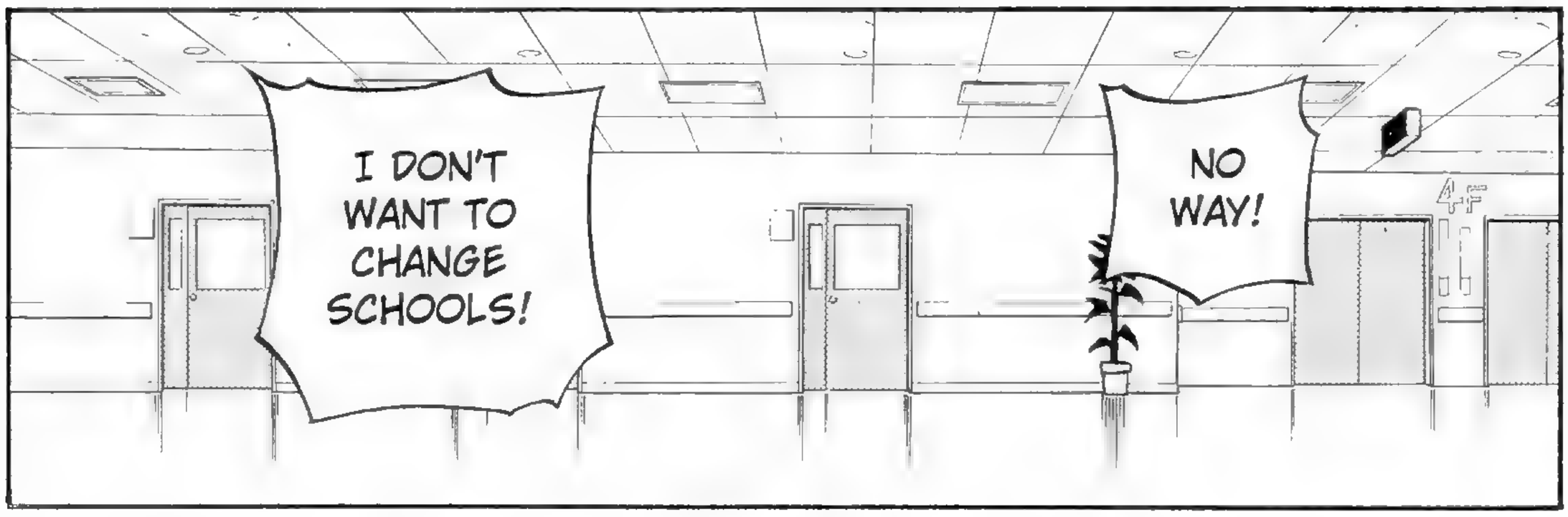
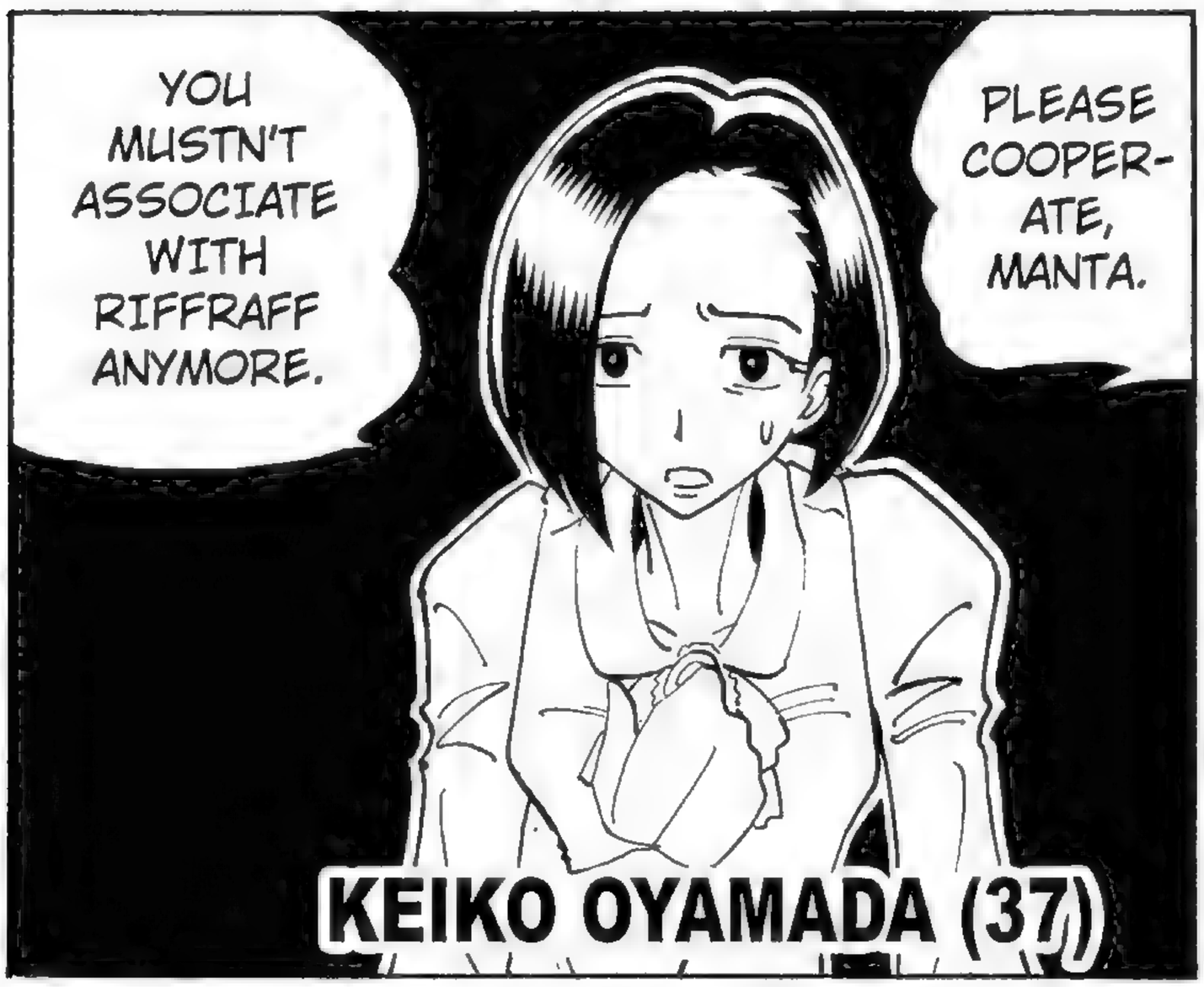



I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE SCHOOLS!
NO WAY!

WIP
I WASN'T CAREFUL ENOUGH! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TELL YOU!?
IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED ANYWHERE! I GOT MUGGED, ALL RIGHT!
MANTANIAN DICTIONARY
THE LITTLE PRINCESS
Sara's Family


YOU MUSTN'T ASSOCIATE WITH RIFFRAFF ANYMORE.
PLEASE COOPER-ATE, MANTA.
KEIKO OYAMADA (37)

IT'S SO HORRIBLE! I CAN'T EVEN SHOW MY FACE IN PUBLIC.
YOU WERE NEARLY DISEM-BOWELED!
FLOP
SOB SOB

SO HE CAN SKIP SCHOOL AND THEY CAN PWAY TOGETHER.

HE TOLD ME! HE WANTS TO STAY WITH HIS *FWEND!*

MANNOKO OYAMADA (5 YEARS OLD)

TEE HEE!

HE WON'T LISTEN, MOMMY.

!

WELL, YOU KNOW...

UM...

"FRIEND?"

IF MY PARENTS FIND OUT ABOUT YOH, THEY'LL REALLY LOSE IT!

GRRR

MANNOKO, YOU BLABBER-MOUTH!

A 14-YEAR-OLD 8TH GRADER AT SHINRA ACADEMY.

!

SHE MEANS YOH ASAKURA.

HE MOVED HERE FROM IZUMO LAST YEAR.

IS *THAT* YOUR FRIEND, MANTA?

MANSUMI OYAMADA (55)

HE MISSED A LOT OF SCHOOL BEFORE HE TRANSFERRED. AND HE MOVED IN WITH HIS FIANCÉE AT AGE 13-- A REAL BAD APPLE.

DAD!

D-

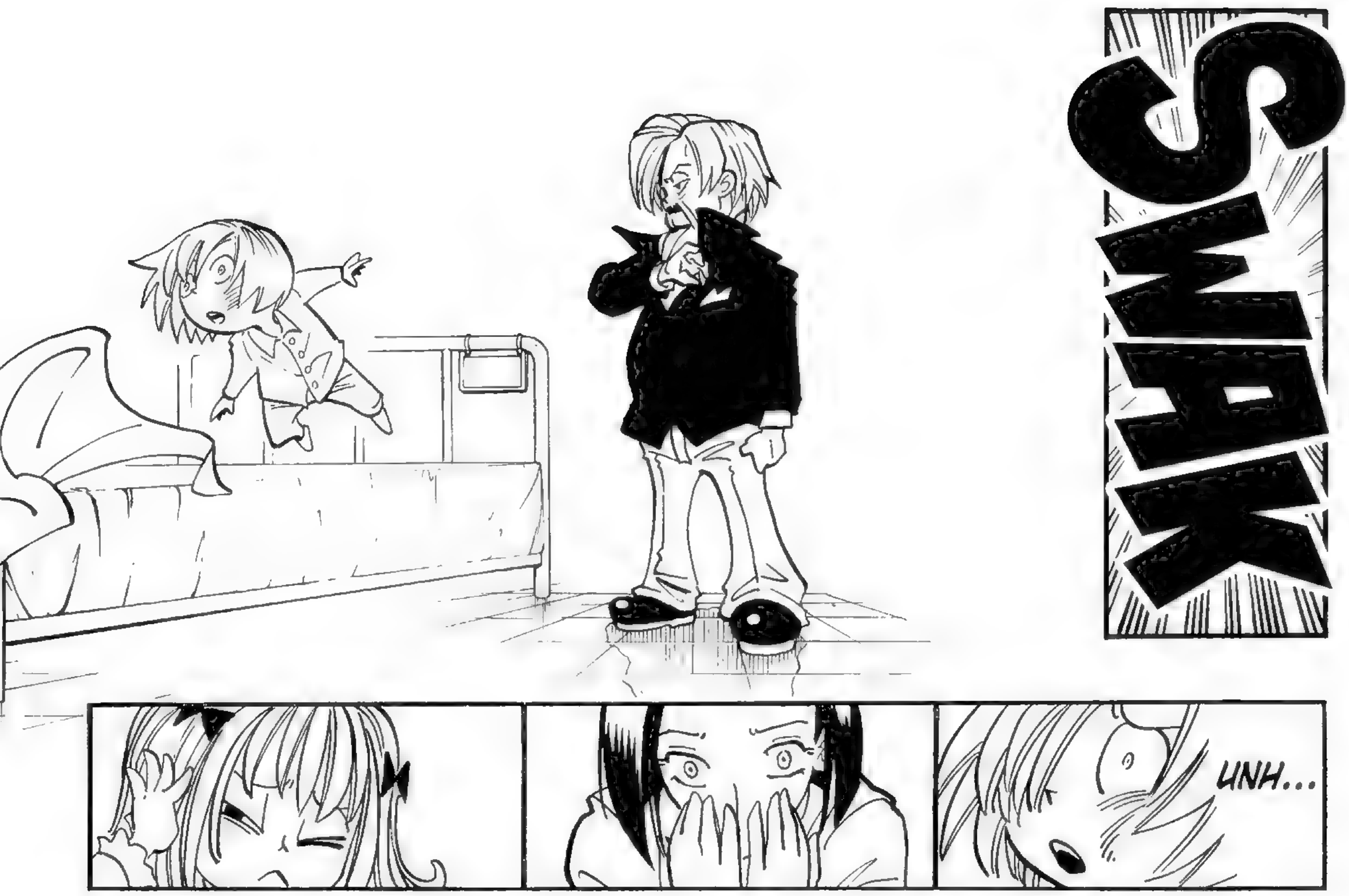
WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO--

CHECK HIM OUT!?

FORGIVE ME, MANTA.

I HAD TAMURAZAKI CHECK YOU OUT... YOU AND YOUR FRIEND THE DELINQUENT.

IS THAT HOW YOU GREET YOUR OLD MAN AFTER THREE YEARS, SON?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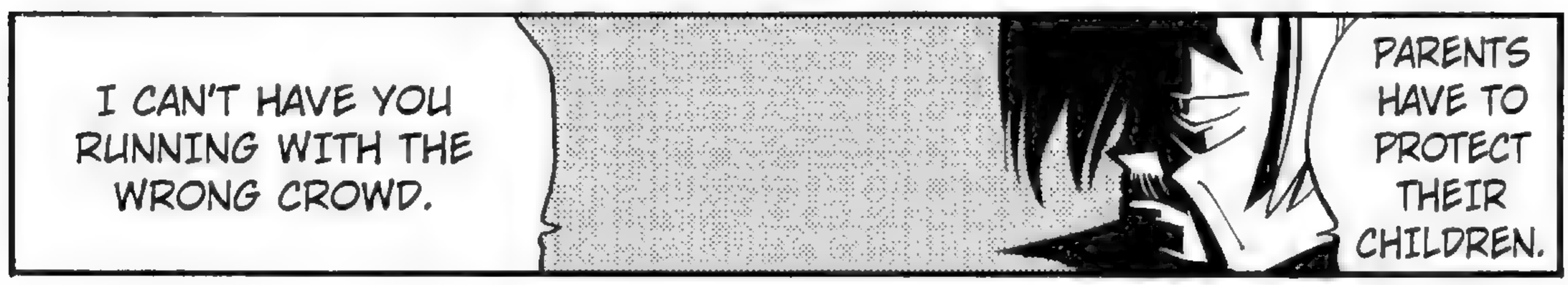
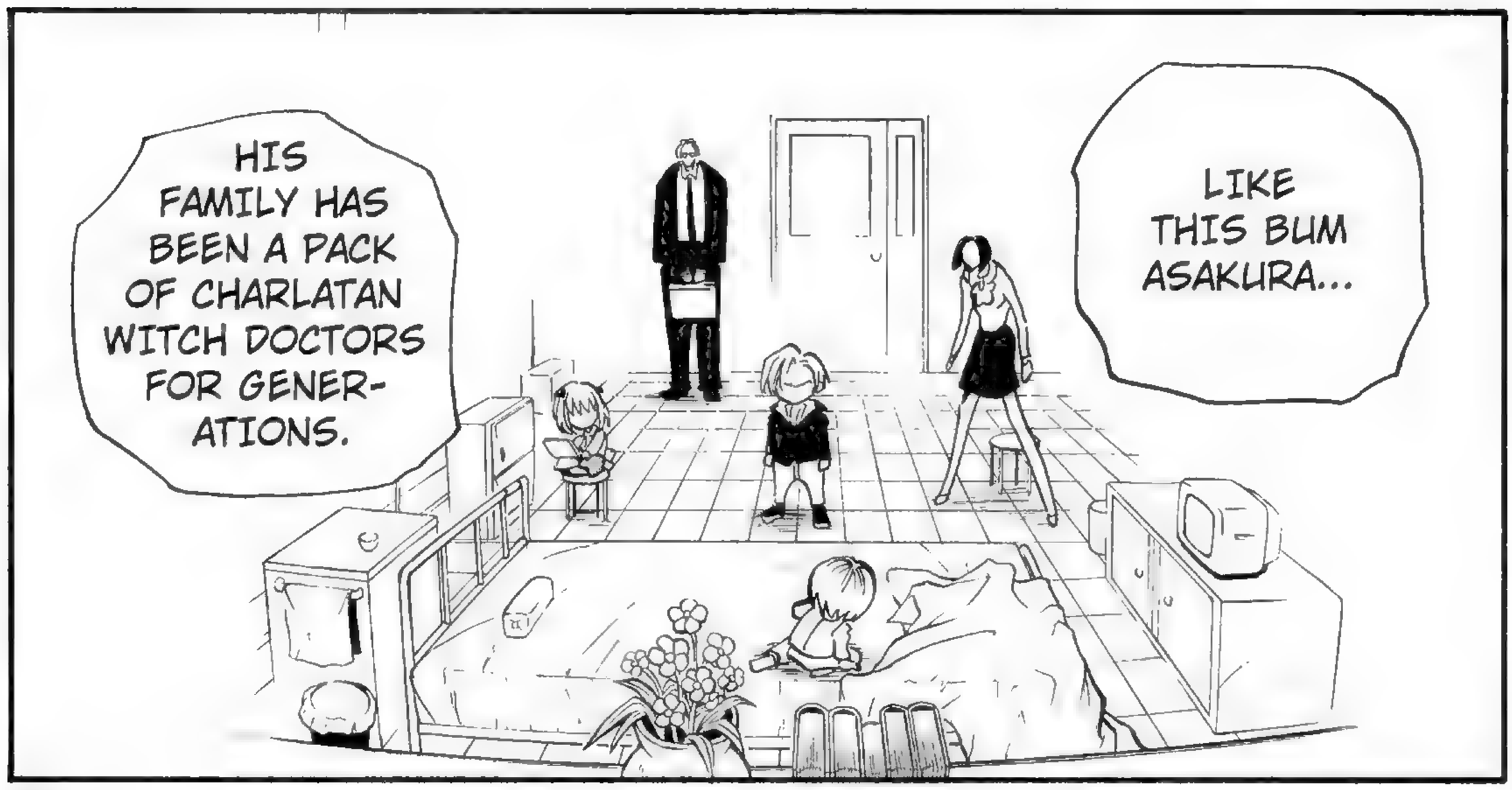
UNH...


I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING WITH THE WRONG CROWD.
PARENTS HAVE TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN.


HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN A PACK OF CHARLATAN WITCH DOCTORS FOR GENER-ATIONS.
LIKE THIS BUM ASAKURA...

SIR, IF WE DON'T LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, YOU'LL MISS YOUR FLIGHT TO MOSCOW...

VERY WELL...

RUBBISH. NOW YOU'RE THE FUTURE CEO OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS ELECTRONICS GIANT OYAMADA CO--

WITCH DOCTORS!?

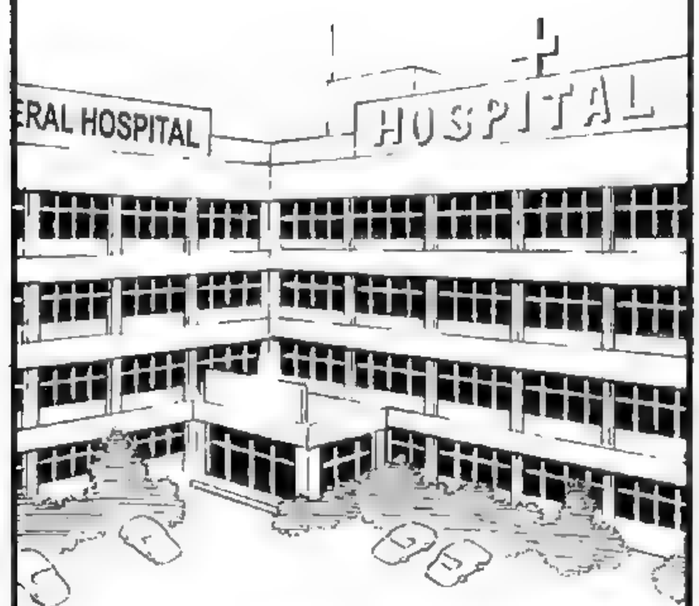
W...

STEER CLEAR OF ASAKURA OR YOU'LL PAY THE PRICE.

LOOK, SON... IF YOU LAY DOWN WITH DOGS, YOU WAKE UP WITH FLEAS.

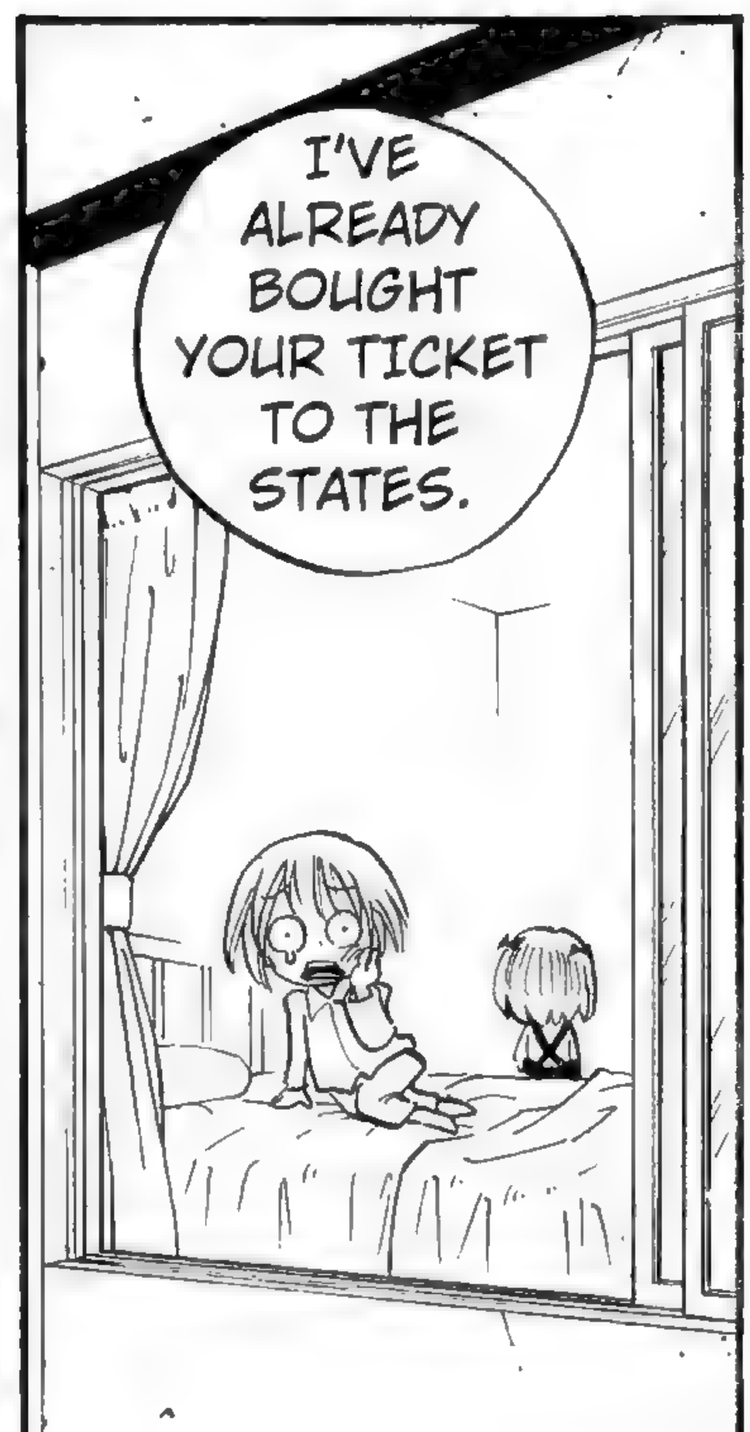
YOU GOT THAT, MANTA?

REMEMBER, YOU'RE THE HOPE OF THE FAMILY BUSINESS.



AN AMERICAN EDUCATION WILL STRAIGHTEN YOU OUT.

I'VE ALREADY BOUGHT YOUR TICKET TO THE STATES.



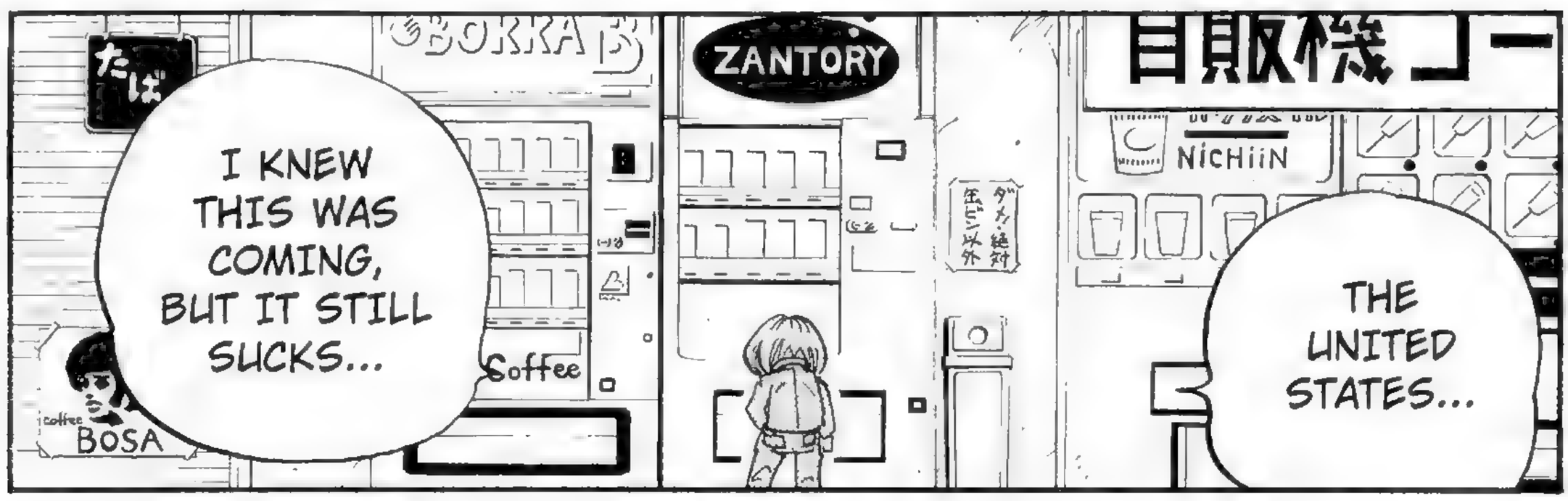
HE'D NEVER BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD HIM I CAN SEE GHOSTS.

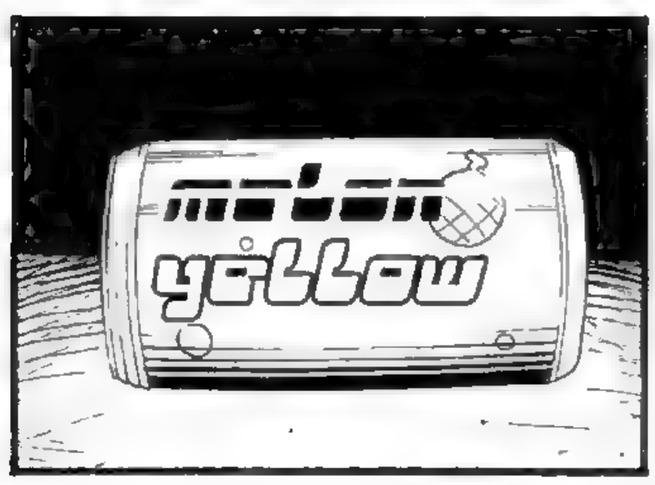
DAD HASN'T CHANGED.

HE SEES ME AFTER THREE YEARS AND ALL HE CAN DO IS YELL AT ME.

THAT'S WHY I USED TO SPEND EVERY MINUTE STUDYING.

I KNOW.





SPRING BREAK IS ALREADY OVER AND HE HASN'T COME TO SEE ME YET.

B WARD

I WONDER WHERE YOH IS NOW.

tak

tak

PBBTH!

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YOH ASAKURA

IT'S MEAN OF HIM TO...

HE DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME IF HE WON OR NOT.

HOW DID THE FIGHT END!?

IN THE HOSPI-TAL!?

HUH?

OF COURSE HE COULDN'T VISIT ME! HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL!

fWish

YOH!!!!

YOH ASAKURA

YOH...?

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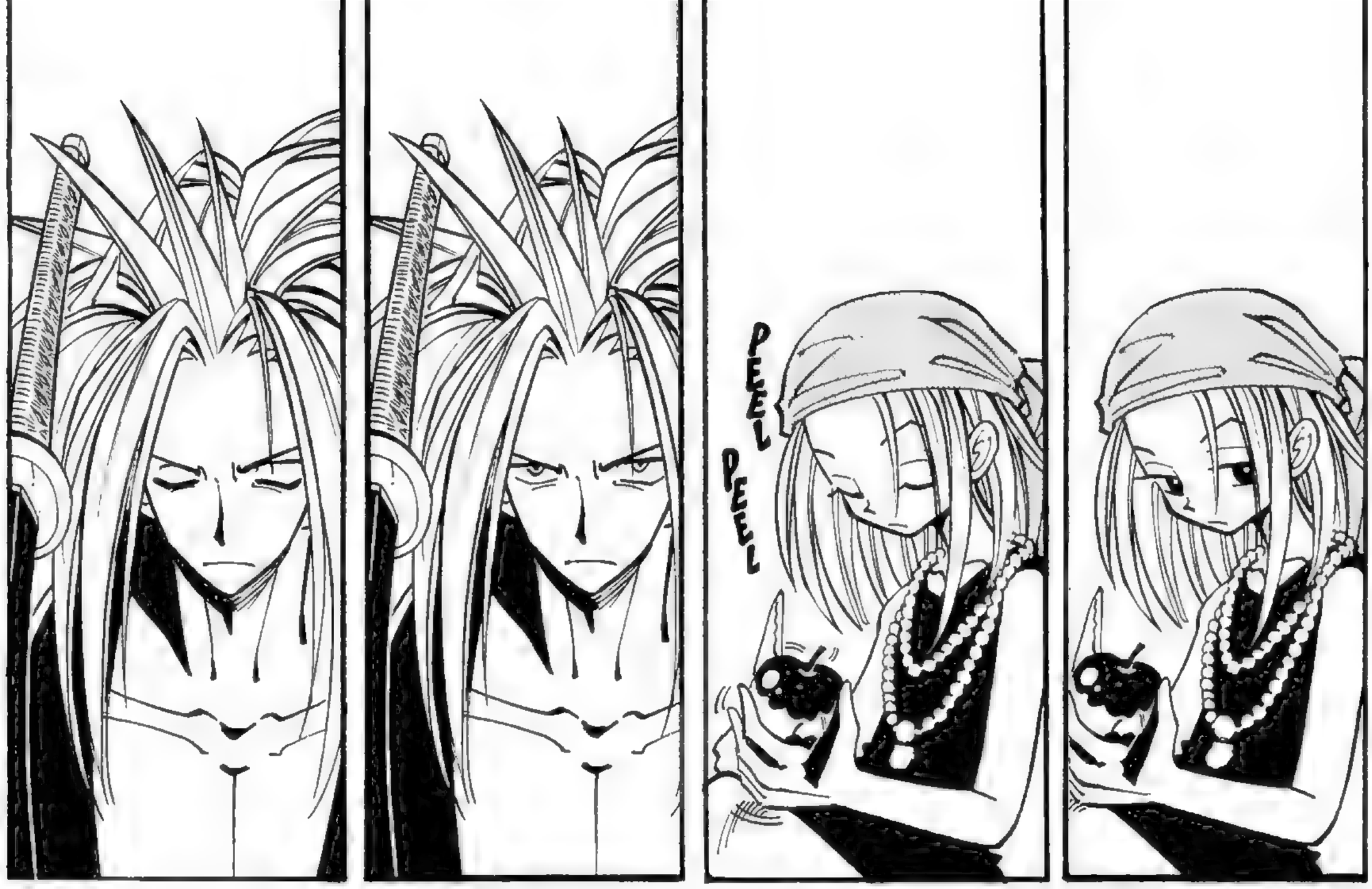
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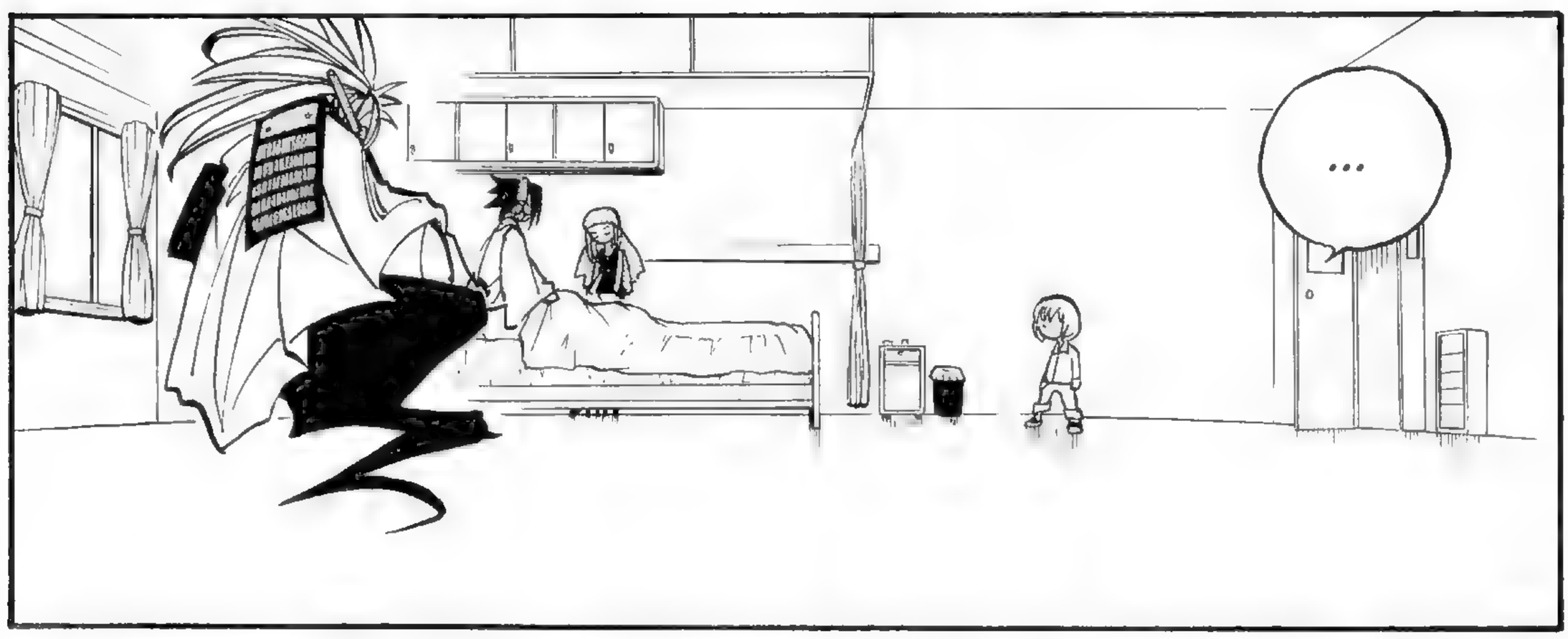
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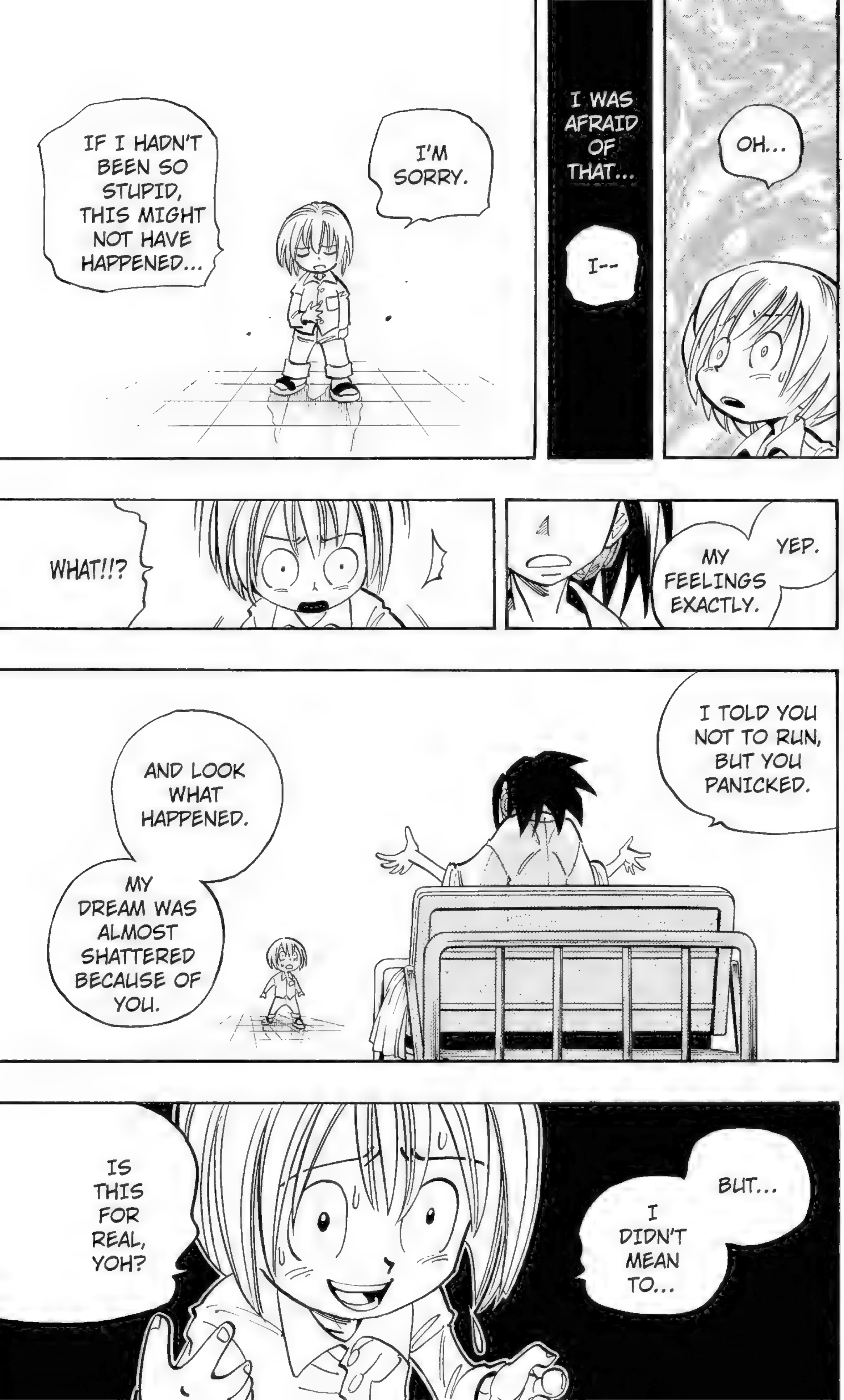
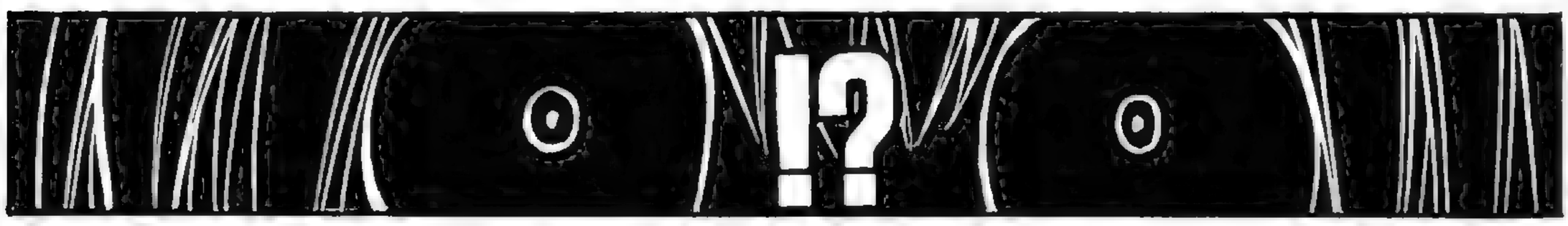
I MISSED YOU GUYS.
WHY THE FACES?
HEY...

FAUST MOVED ON TO THE NEXT ROUND. THIS WAS HIS SECOND WIN.
I LOST, MANTA.


IF I HADN'T BEEN SO STUPID, THIS MIGHT NOT HAVE HAPPENED...
I'M SORRY.
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT...
I--
OH...
WHAT!!?
MY FEELINGS EXACTLY.
YEP.
AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED.
MY DREAM WAS ALMOST SHATTERED BECAUSE OF YOU.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO RUN, BUT YOU PANICKED.
IS THIS FOR REAL, YOH?
I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
BUT...

YOU'RE NOT MY FRIEND ANYMORE.

GO AWAY.



YOU'RE A HEART-LESS JERK!!

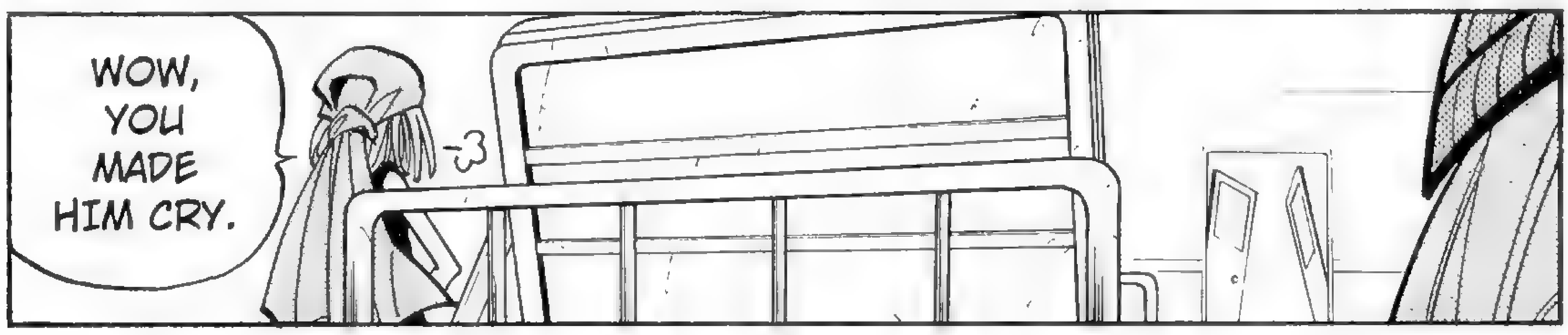
Whak

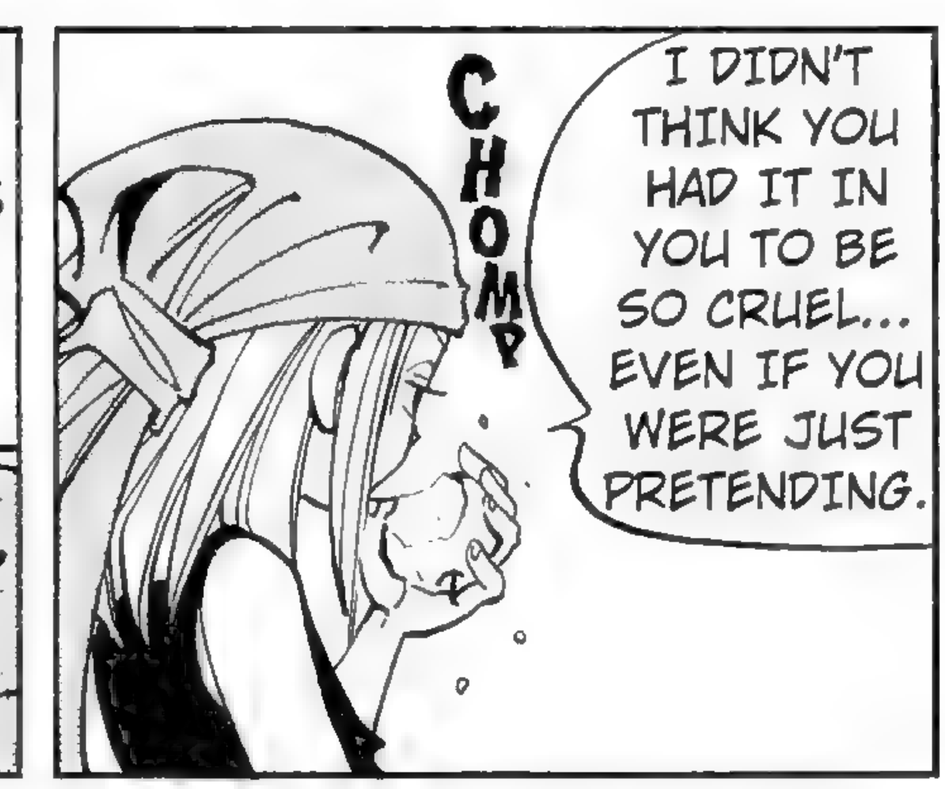
SHE

YOU'RE A JERK!!

PLIP

PLIP





...AND MY NEXT OPPONENT IS EVEN WORSE THAN FAUST.

HEH HEH HEH.

IT WAS A FLUKE THAT YOU DEFEATED ME LAST TIME.

LONG TIME NO SEE, YOH. NICE THIRD-RATE OVER SOUL YOU'VE GOT...

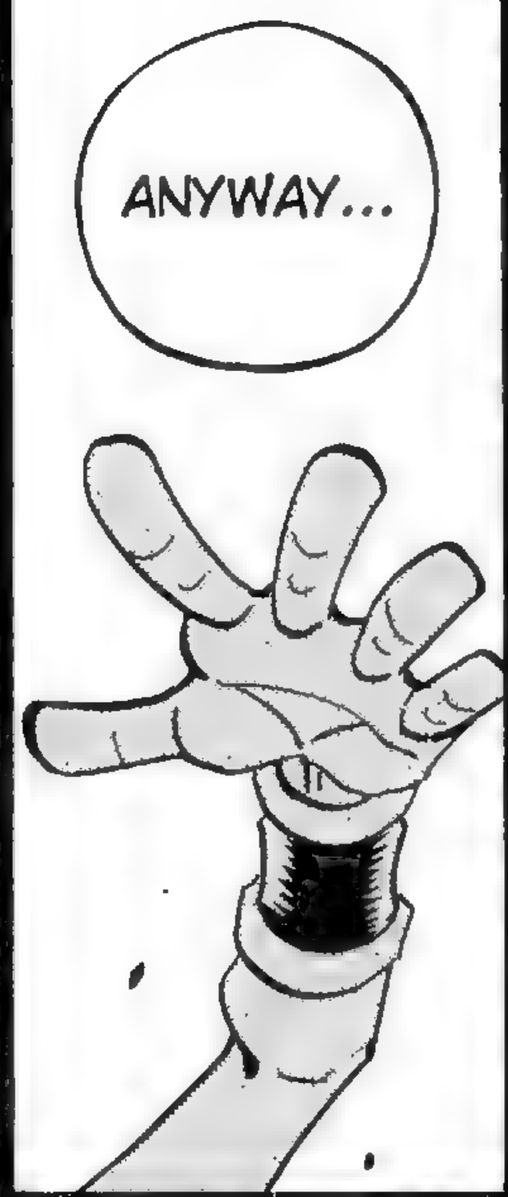
I AM.

I ONLY SAVED YOUR BUTT BECAUSE I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A PREVIEW OF WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU.

YOU ARE MY NEXT OPPONENT?

TAO REN...

READ THIS WAY
OF MY MAGNIFICENT OVER SOUL.
PREVIEW?
A REGAL GESTURE, EH, BASON?
FOOM
SUCH CHIVALROUS AUDACITY IS INSPIRING, MASTER.
YOU SHOWED YOUR HAND TO YOUR ENEMY...


ANYWAY...

HEH HEH HEH!
SMIRK
hahaha
YES, BUT I DOUBT HE'S CLEVER ENOUGH TO APPRECI-ATE THE GIFT!
SNORT
...?

THE MATCH IS IN THREE MONTHS! SO GET WELL!
THE ORACLE PAGER SAYS I GET TO FIGHT YOU AGAIN!

HIS OVER SOUL REALLY WAS INCRED-IBLE... IT WAS BEYOND ANYTHING I UNDERSTAND.
hahaha
I CAN'T WAIT TO CRUSH YOU! I LONG FOR THAT DAY!

I DON'T WANT TO EXPOSE MANTA TO ANY MORE DANGER.
SWUP
I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT FAUST AGAIN EVENTUALLY.
I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO WIN AS I AM. AND EVEN IF I QUALIFY...
THIS IS ALL VERY TOUCHING, BUT WE HAVE MORE URGENT PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH. THERE'S NO MORE ROOM FOR ERROR.
SNIFF
SOB
BUT YOU HAD FINALLY FOUND A FRIEND!
!
I'M GOING HOME TO IZUMO.
AND SOMEDAY I'LL BRING MANTA BACK.
I'LL WORK MY BUTT OFF AND GET STRONG.

VROOOOOM

13:55 DETROIT
13:55 BANG KOK
13:55 LONDON
13:55 PUSAN LOS-ANGELES
15:45 SEOUL
15:50 CHEJU
15:55 CHICAGO
15:55 LOS-ANGELES
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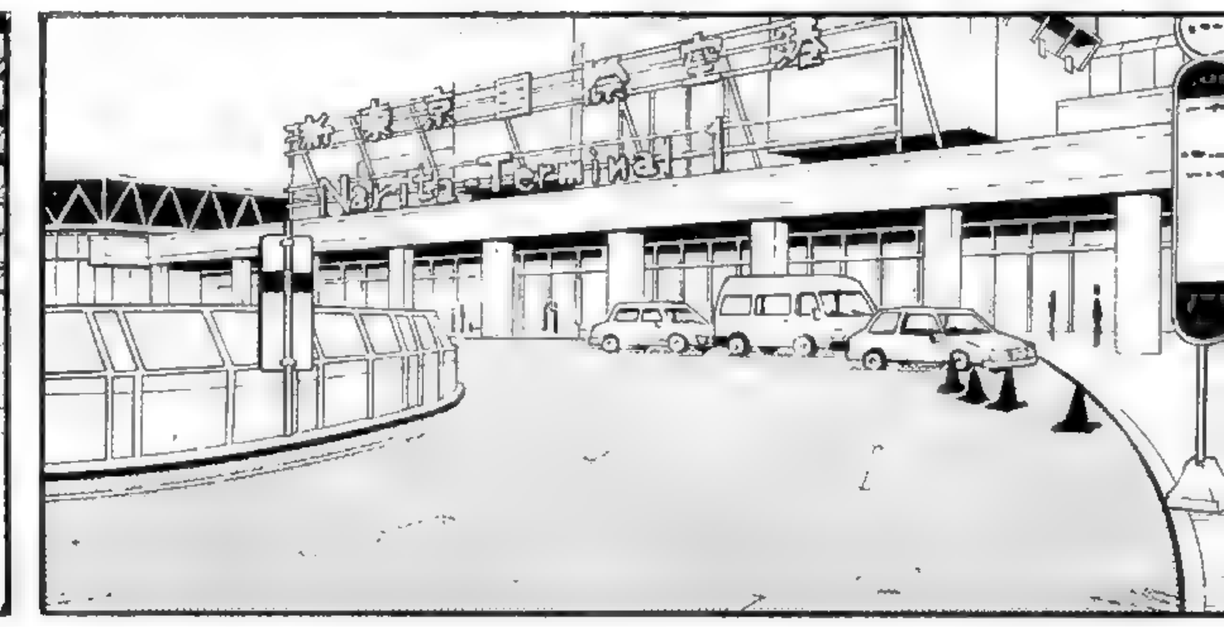

Narita Terminal

I'M SO RELIEVED, DEAR.
I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO GO.
IT'S NOT FAIR! HOW COME MANTA GETS TO GO BY HIMSELF!
klonk

...

AND DAD TOO! I HAVE TO STUDY AND STUDY, AND I NEVER GET TO HAVE ANY FUN.

ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK!

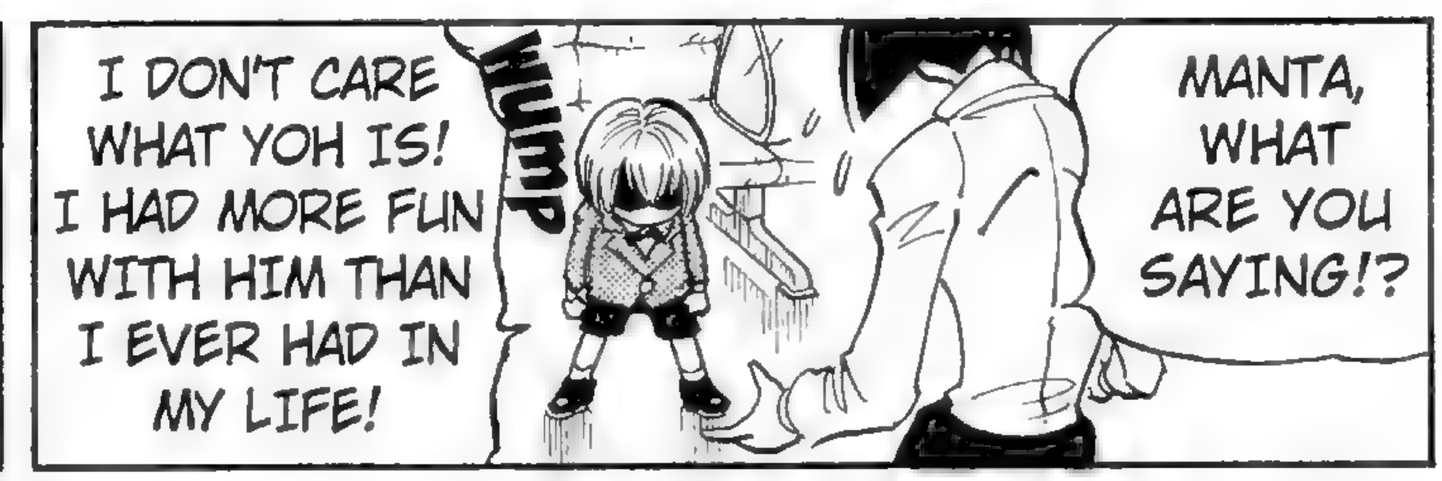
SHAKE

SHAKE

MANTA?

REALLY... A SPIRITU-ALIST FRIEND IS SIMPLY...

SIMPLY *WHAT*, MOM?



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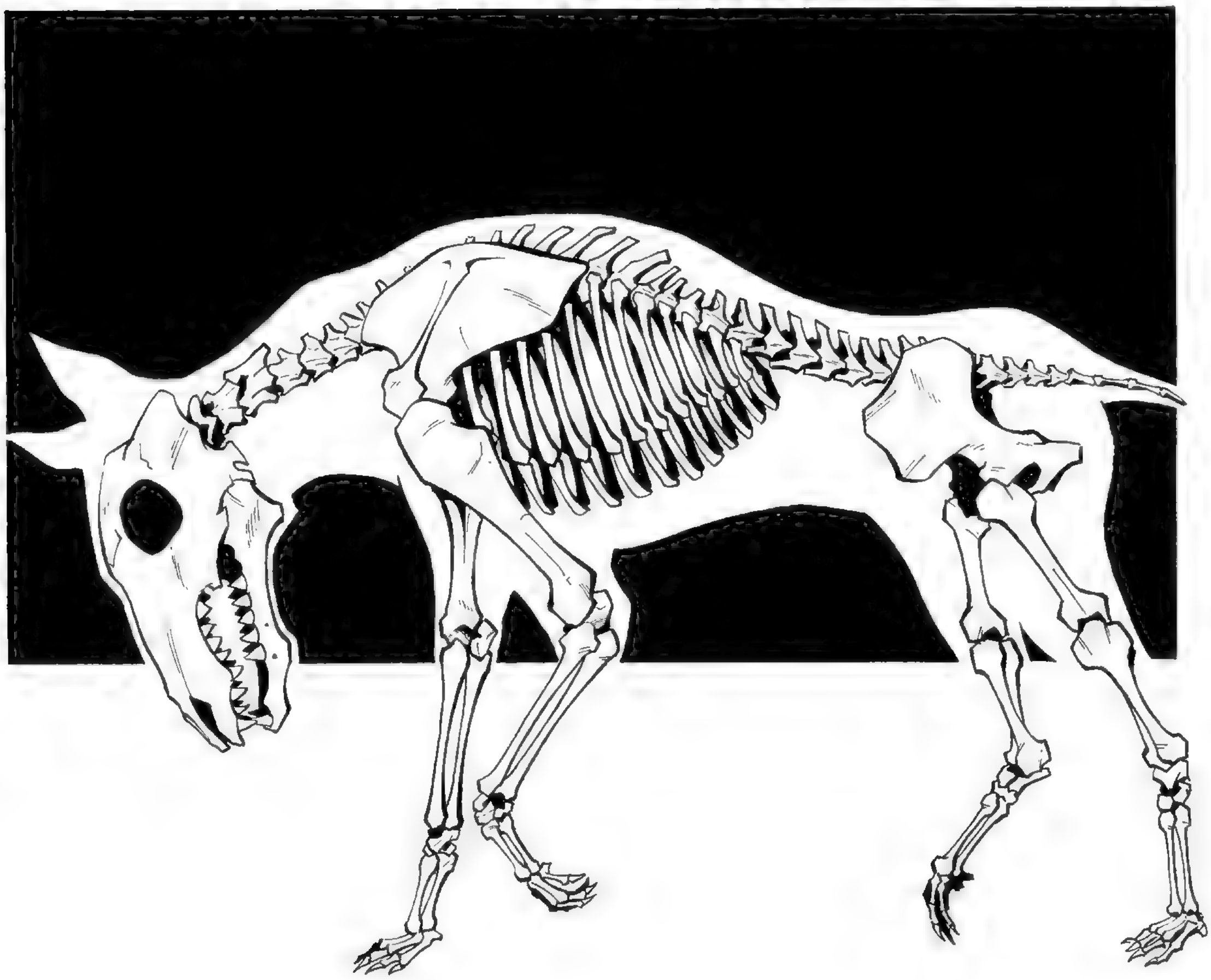

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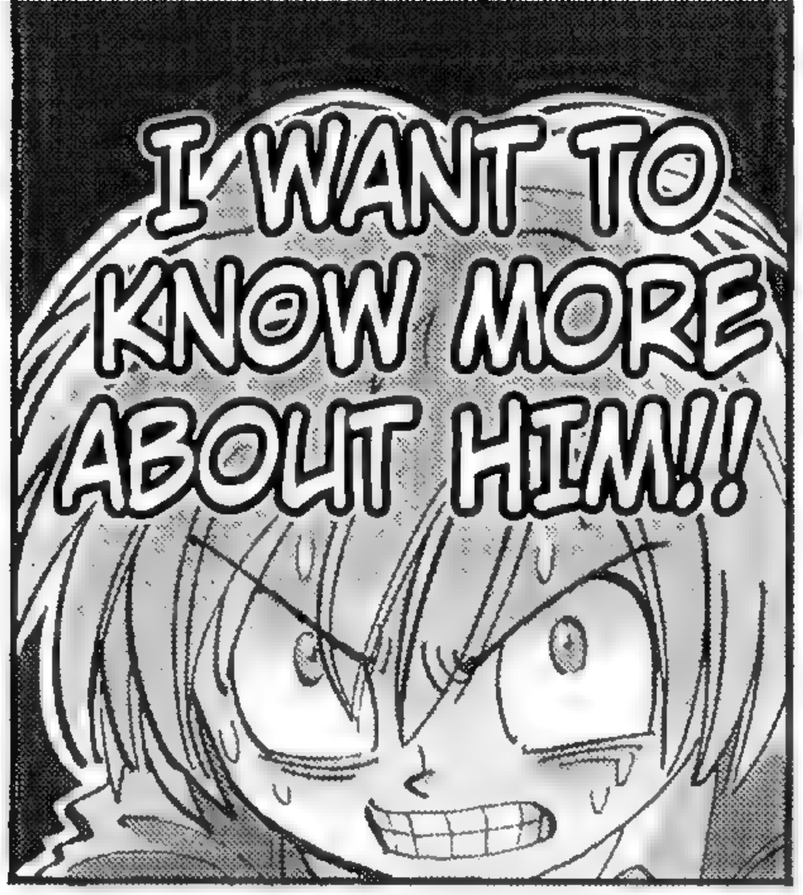

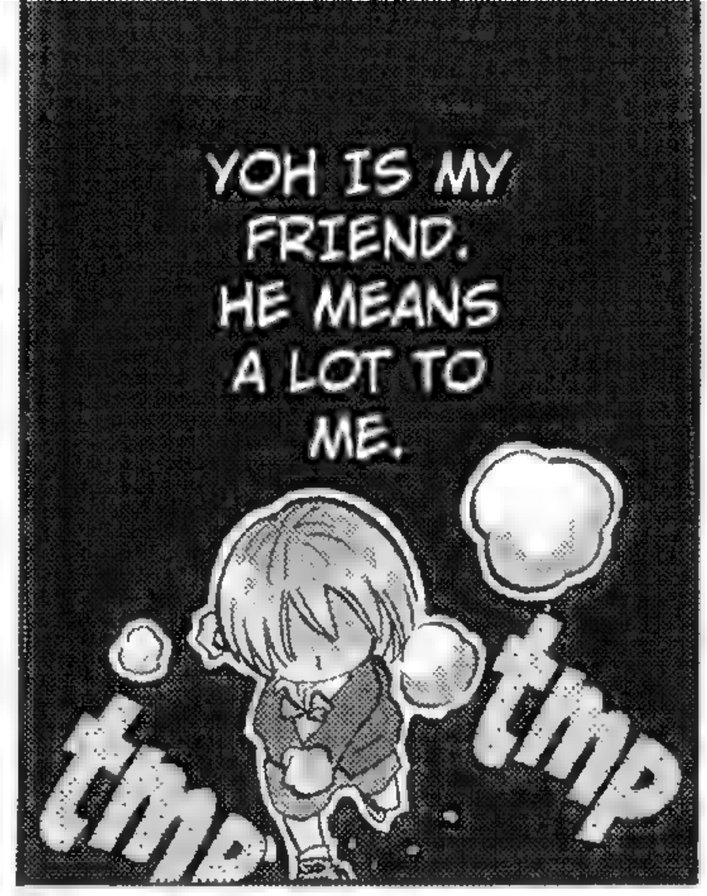

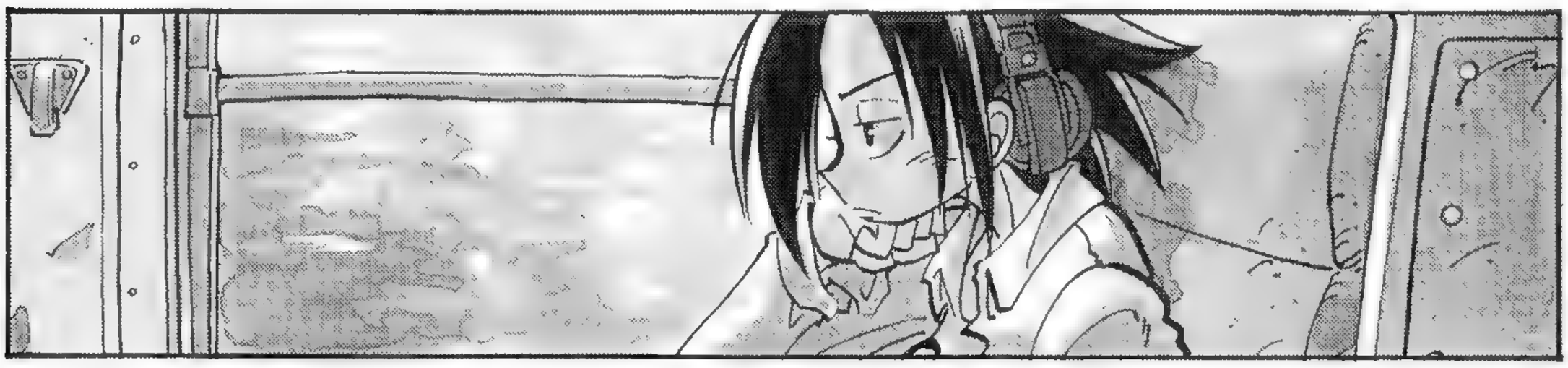

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO IZUMO...!!

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SHAMAN KING

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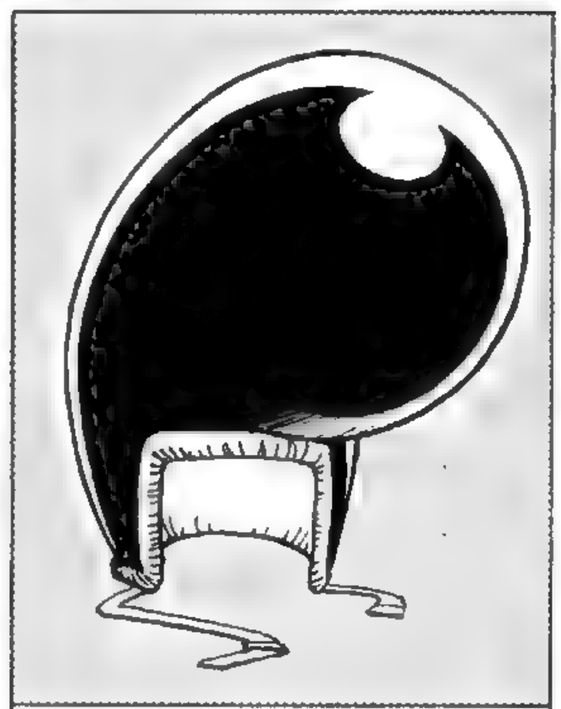
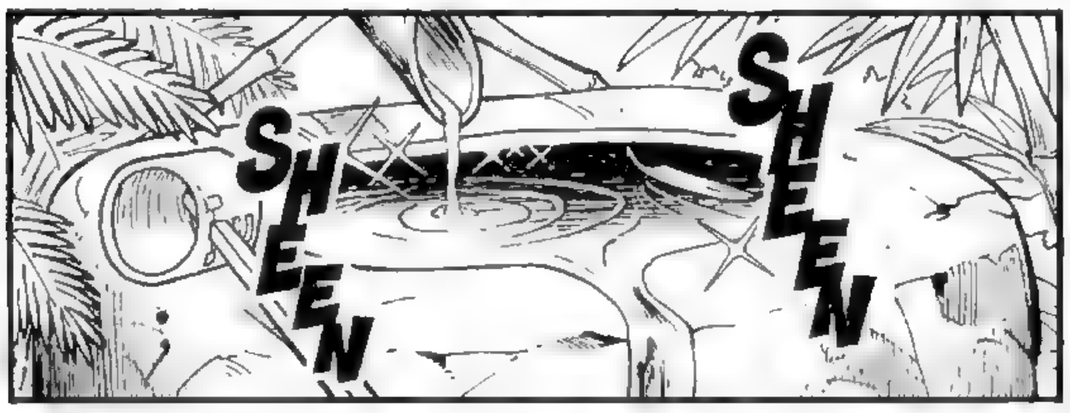


ULTRA HELMET (HAUTE COUTURE)

RUSTLE...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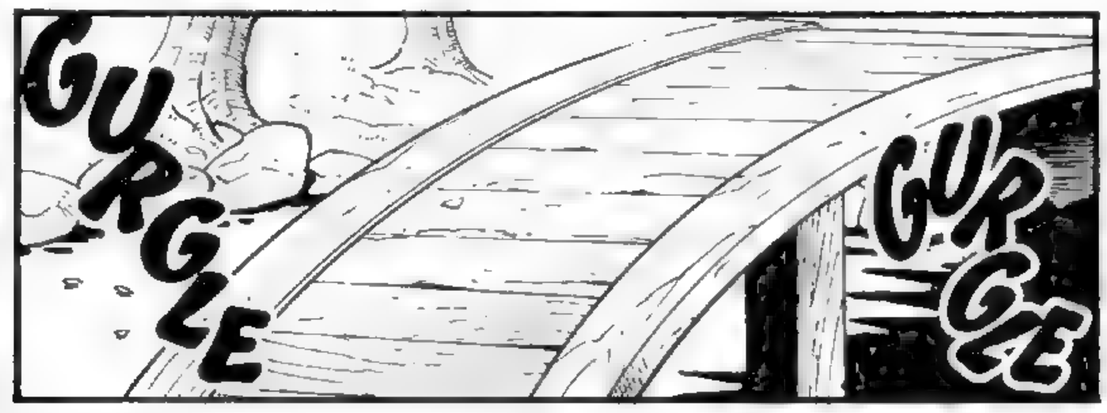

GURGLE
GURGLE

I SEE.

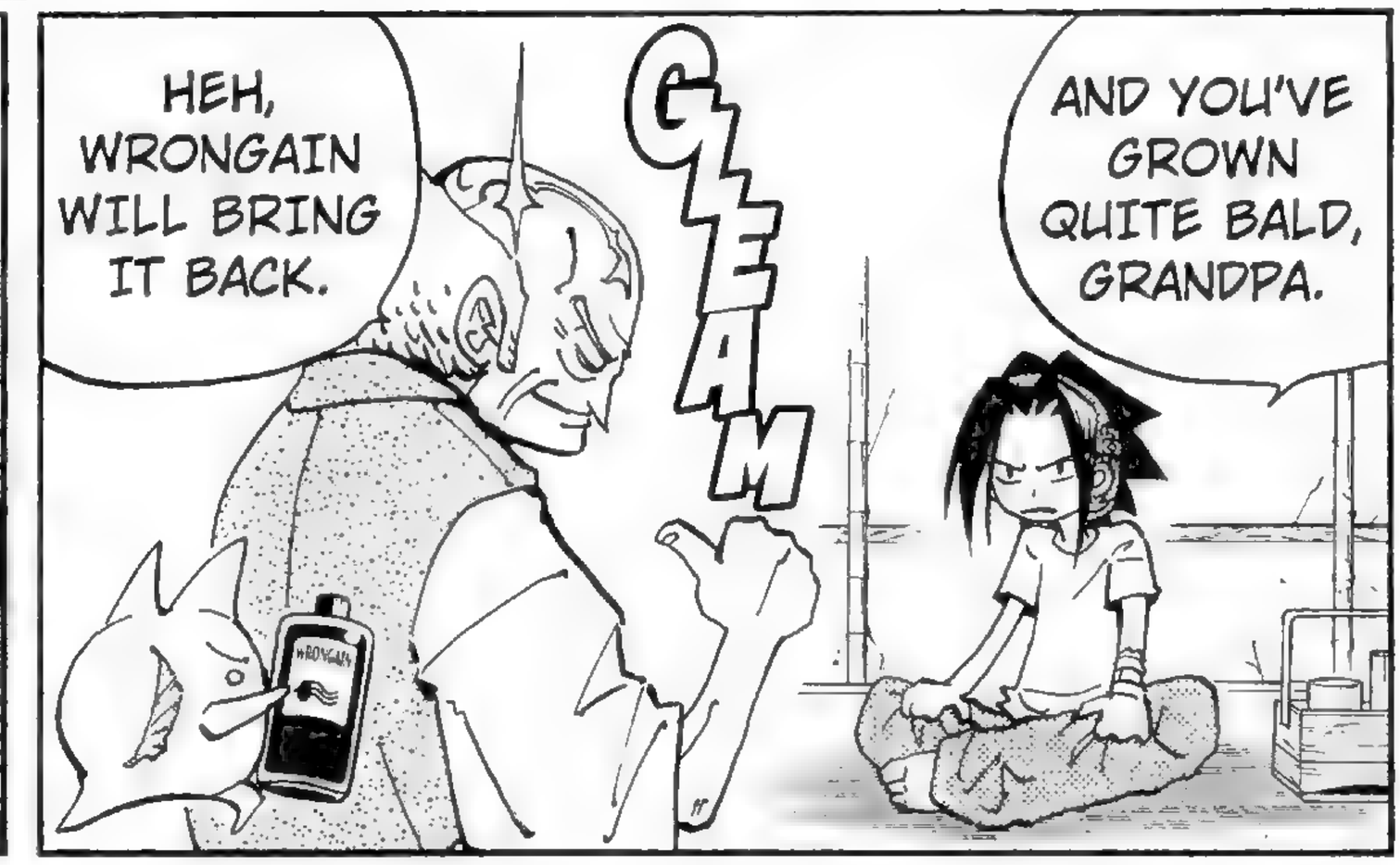
IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE YOU LEFT FOR TOKYO...
BUT THIS IS QUITE A SURPRISE.
山
SO YOU SUFFERED A CRUSHING DEFEAT AND CAME HOME.

YOU'VE GROWN QUITE DEDICATED.

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD *ASK* FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO INCREASE YOUR *MANA*...

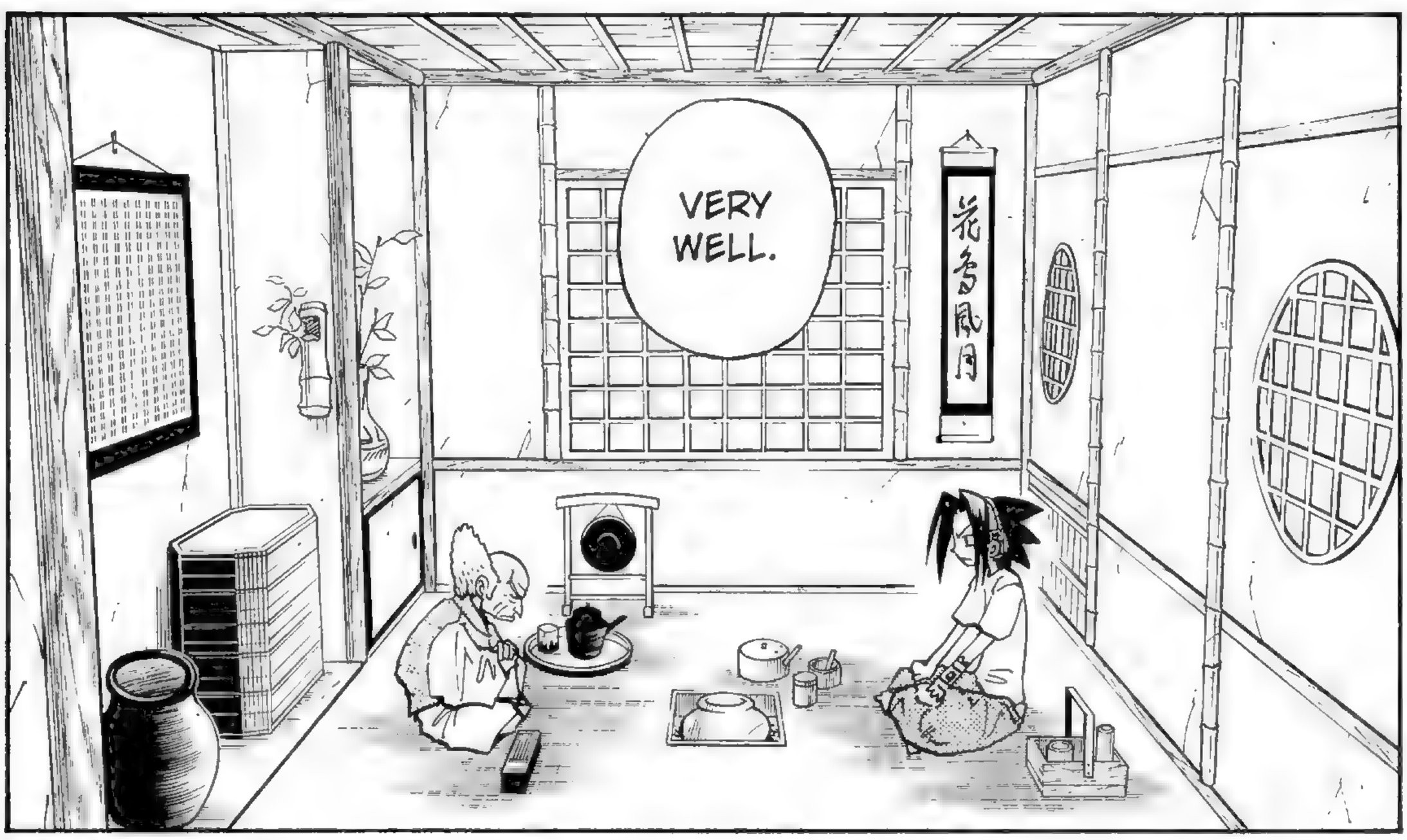
EH, YOH?

BUT ARE YOU IN EARNEST ABOUT THIS?
TICK


HEH, WRONGAIN WILL BRING IT BACK.
CHEAM
AND YOU'VE GROWN QUITE BALD, GRANDPA.

REGULAR TRAINING WON'T DO.
FOR INCREASING MANA...

I KNOW. BUT I REALLY HAVE TO WIN.


VERY WELL.

HARD OF HEARING? YOU'LL HAVE TO DIE TO INCREASE YOUR MANA.

WH-WHOA! WHAT!?

OKAY.

THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO DIE.

NO, I MEAN YOU MUST DIE!

OH, I GET IT. YOU MEAN I HAVE TO PRACTICALLY *WORK* MYSELF TO DEATH.

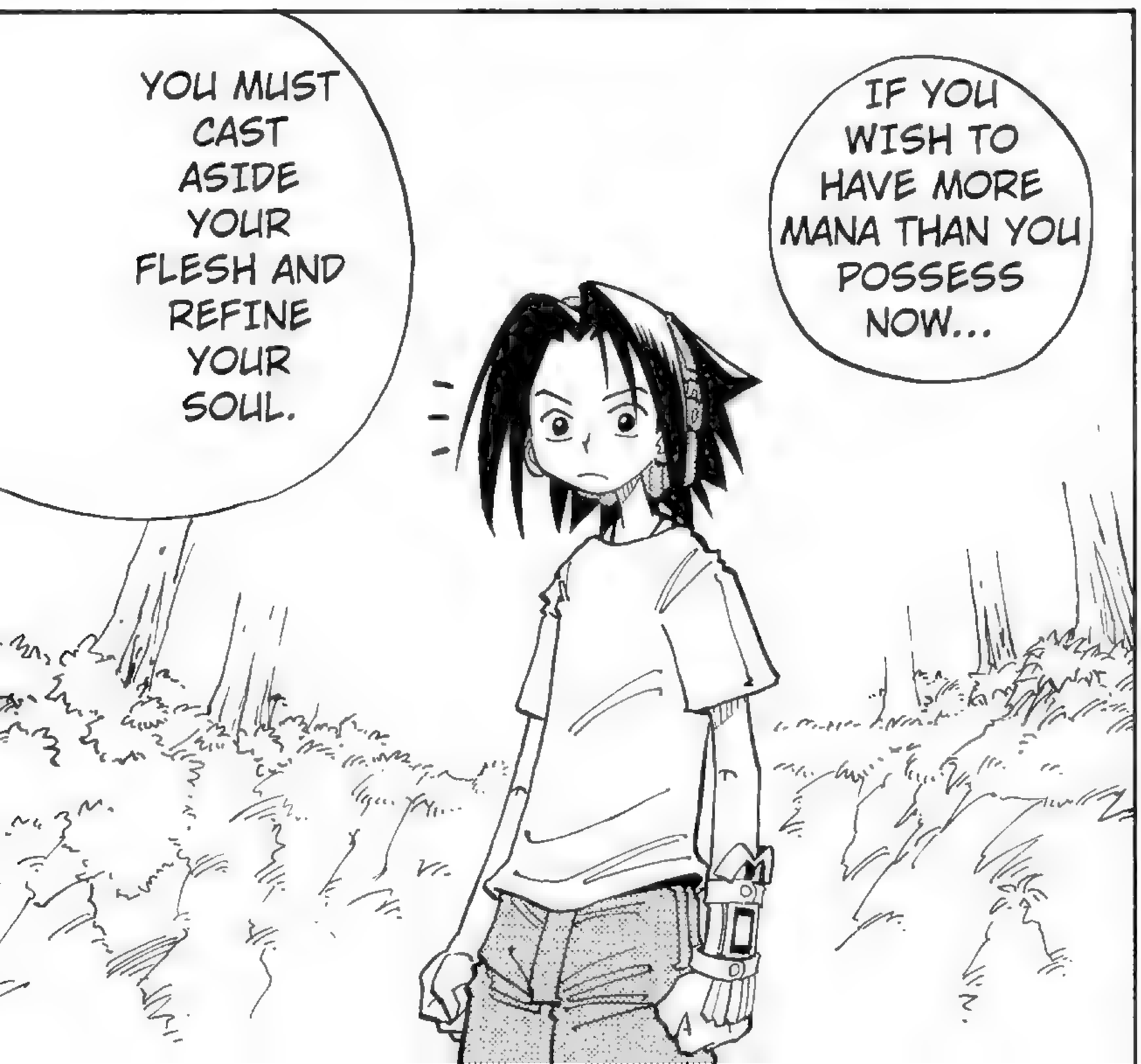
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? IF I DIED...

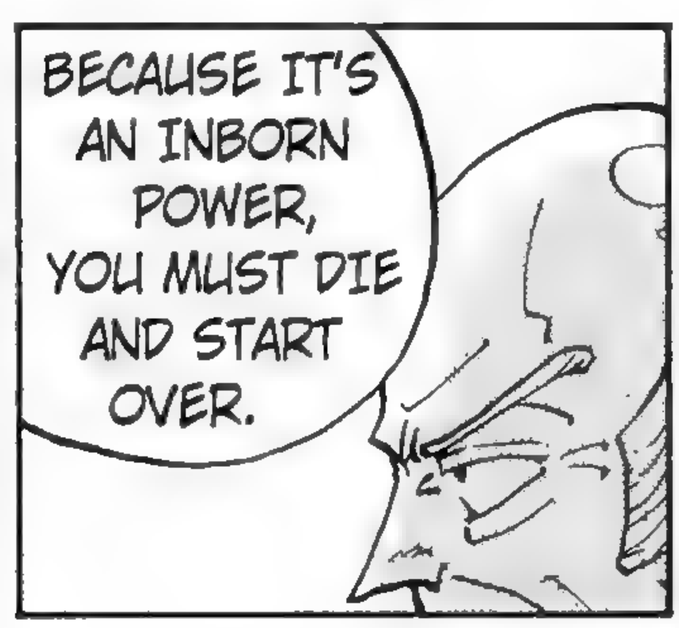
H-HOLD ON, GRAND-PA!!

SO YOU'LL HAVE TO SUFFER A *PSEUDO*-DEATH EXPERIENCE.

YOU CANNOT INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MANA YOU WERE BORN WITH.

MANA IS A MEASURE OF THE SIXTH SENSE THAT SHAMANS ARE BORN WITH.





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TAXI!
SKREECH

CAST ASIDE MY FLESH AND REFINE MY SOUL...

I MUST MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO.
COME WITH ME.
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THEN WE'LL SEE IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO DIE.

BUT I LEFT MY WALLET IN MY SUIT-CASE!!

I RAN AWAY TO GO FIND YOH!

TOMP

SHOOOM

AAGH!

AND I DON'T HAVE MY KEYS, SO I CAN'T GO HOME!

VROOM

WHAT NOW!? I CAN'T GO BACK AND GET IT!

HEH HEH, NO, I'M NOT USING WRONGAIN.

AND WHAT'S GROWING OUT OF HIS HEAD!?

HEHEHEHE

WHAT'S RYU DOING HERE!?

HUH? MANTA?

PBTH

HIGH SCHOOL'S BEHIND ME. IT'S TIME I LEARNED A TRADE.

THE UNITED STATES IS FULL OF WIDE OPEN SPACES. NO OVER-CROWDING THERE.

AND I'VE FOUND THIS HAPPY PLACE THAT REMINDS ME OF THE GOOD OLD '70S.

RYU! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING OFF BY YOURSELF!

POP

OH, MAN! IT'LL BE AWESOME! I CAN'T WAIT!

...

I'LL RETURN TO BOSS ANNA AS A FAMOUS SUSHI CHEF!

waah

YOU GUYS ARE ALL RIGHT--YOU ALL FOUND JOBS.

THERE'S A LOT OF UNEMPLOYMENT NOWADAYS. YOU'RE LUCKY YOU FOUND PLACES TO BELONG. DON'T SCREW UP.

waah

HOW ARE WE GONNA SURVIVE WITHOUT YOU!?

WAH HA HA HA HA

...

AAA-OOOO SOB SOB

YOU HAVE GOOD FRIENDS AND A GOAL IN LIFE.

I ENVY YOU, RYU.

A PLACE TO BELONG...

YOU SEEM A LITTLE LOST.
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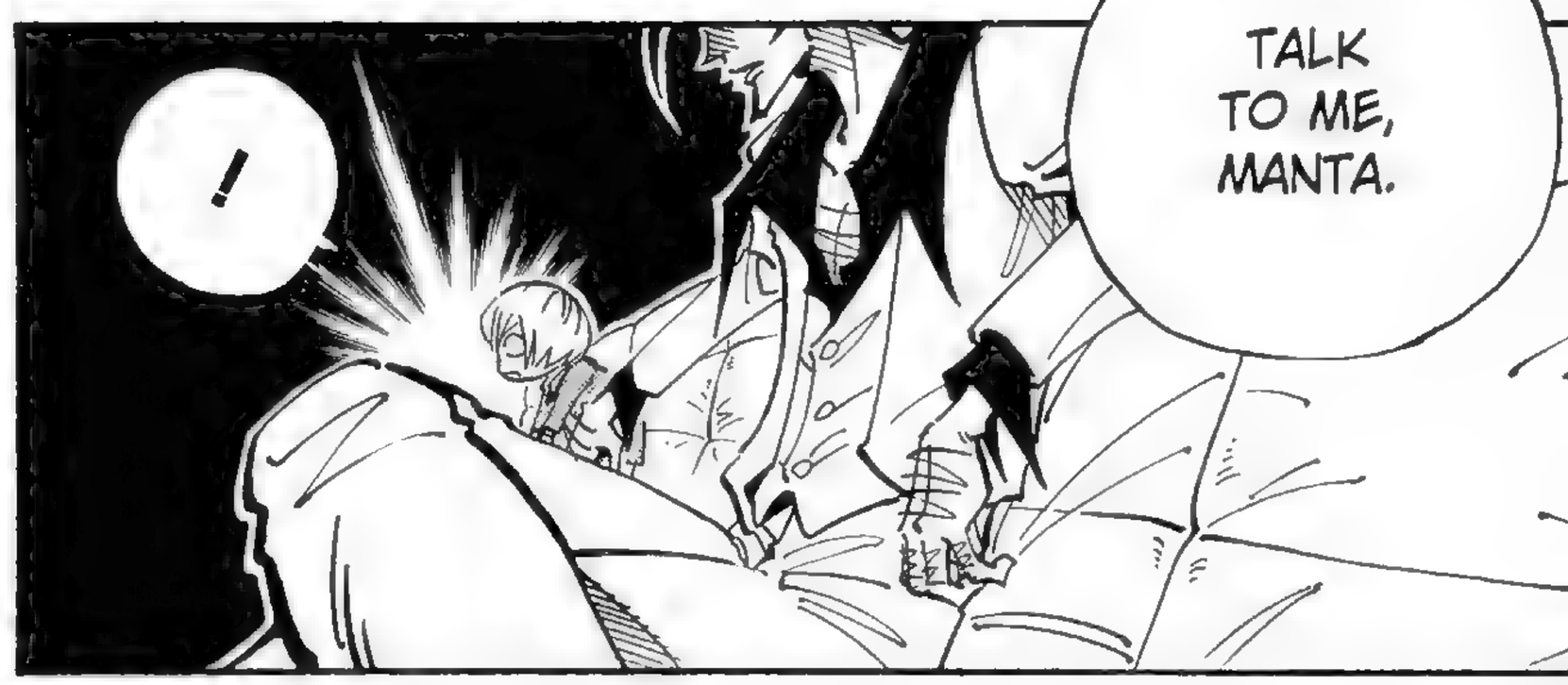
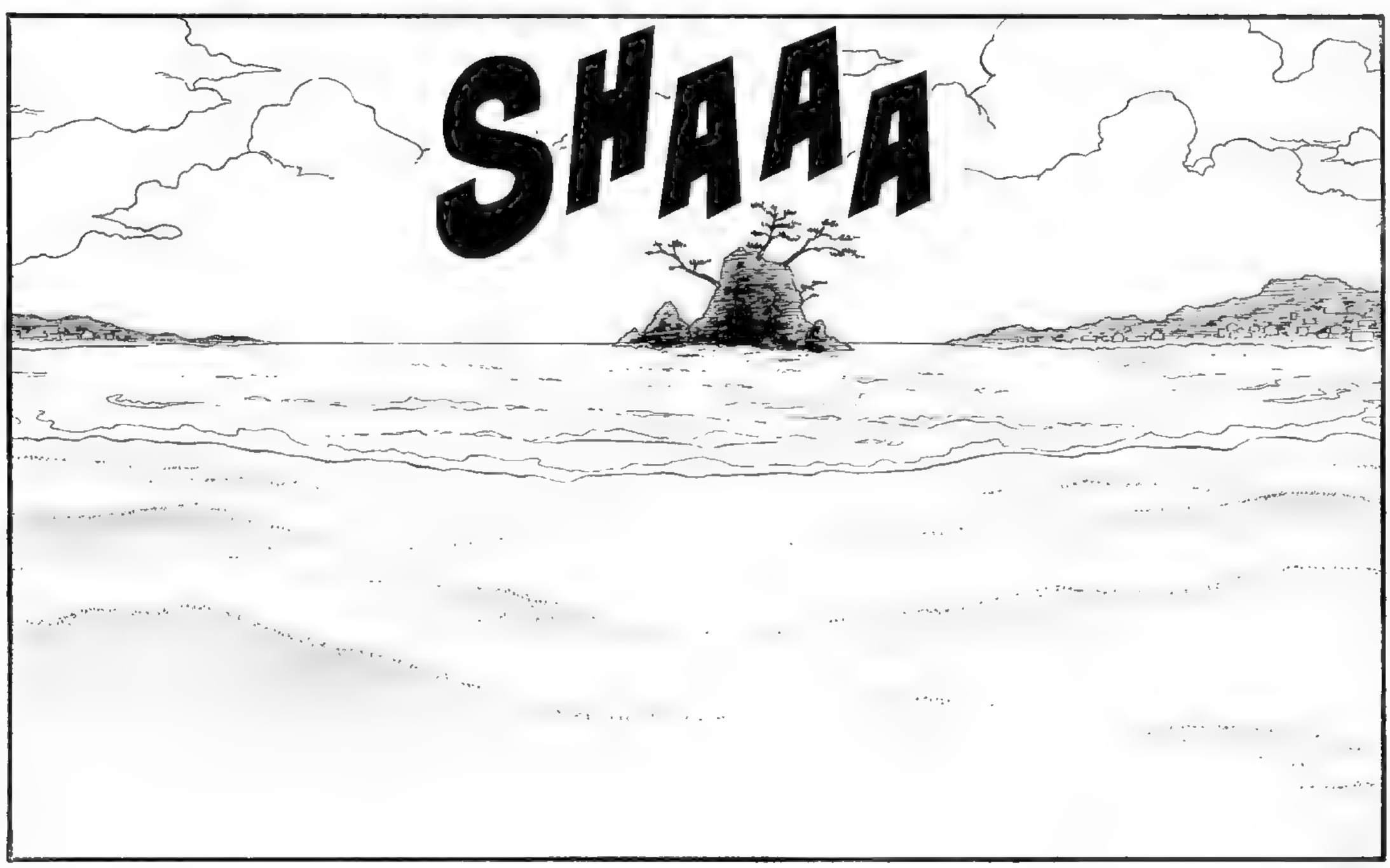
出国手続
PASSPORT CONTROL

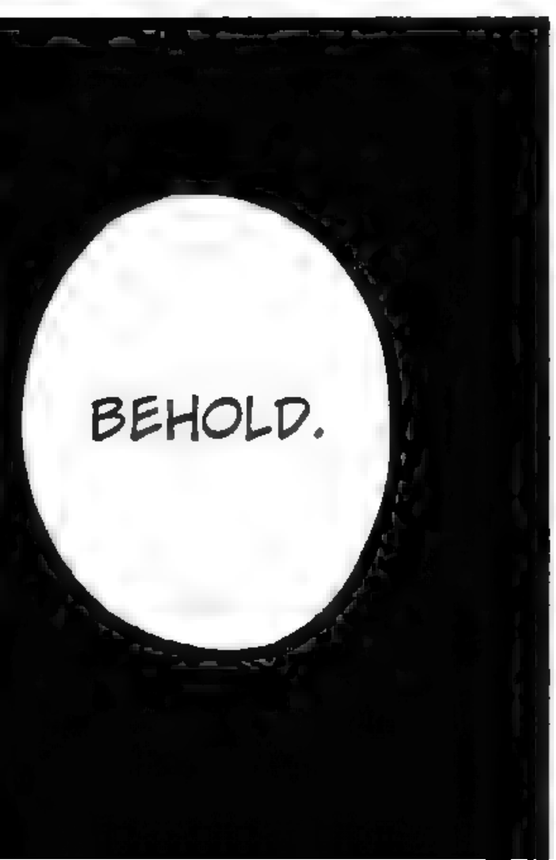

!
TALK TO ME, MANTA.

I'M ALWAYS THERE FOR OUTCASTS AND STRAYS...!


SHAAA

WE'RE NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE NETHERWORLD.

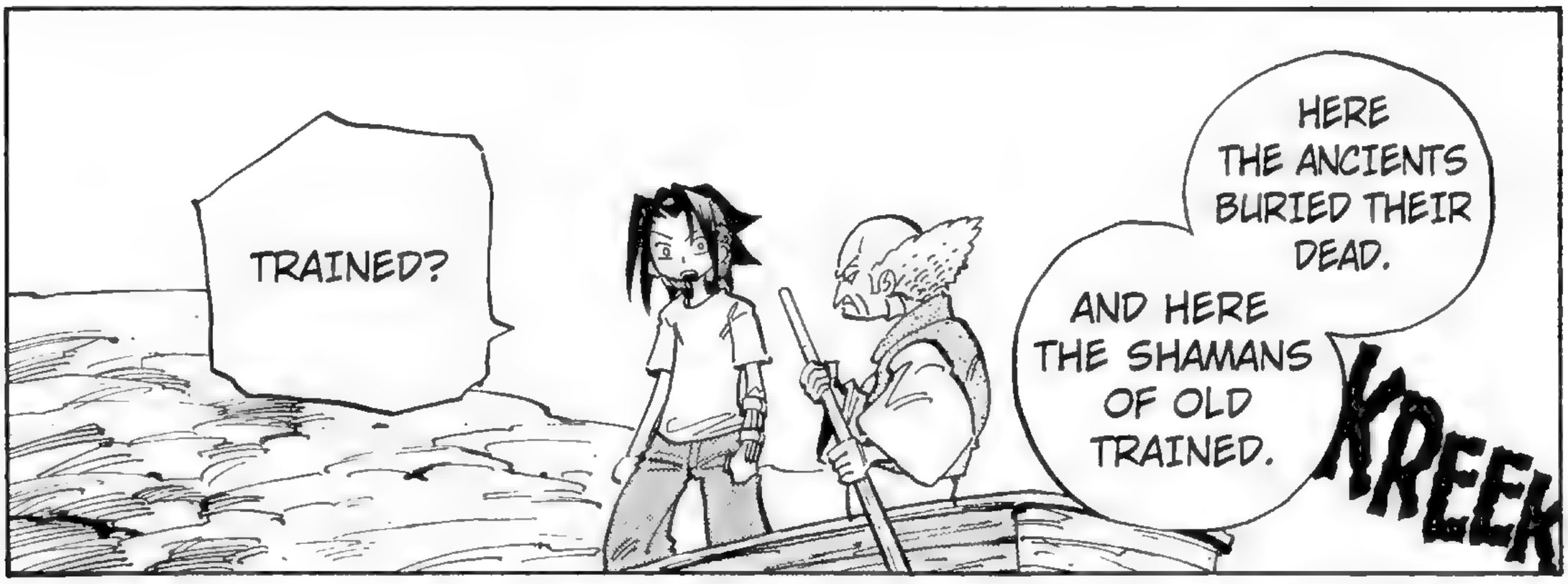
THE BEACH...? WHEN AM I GONNA DIE?

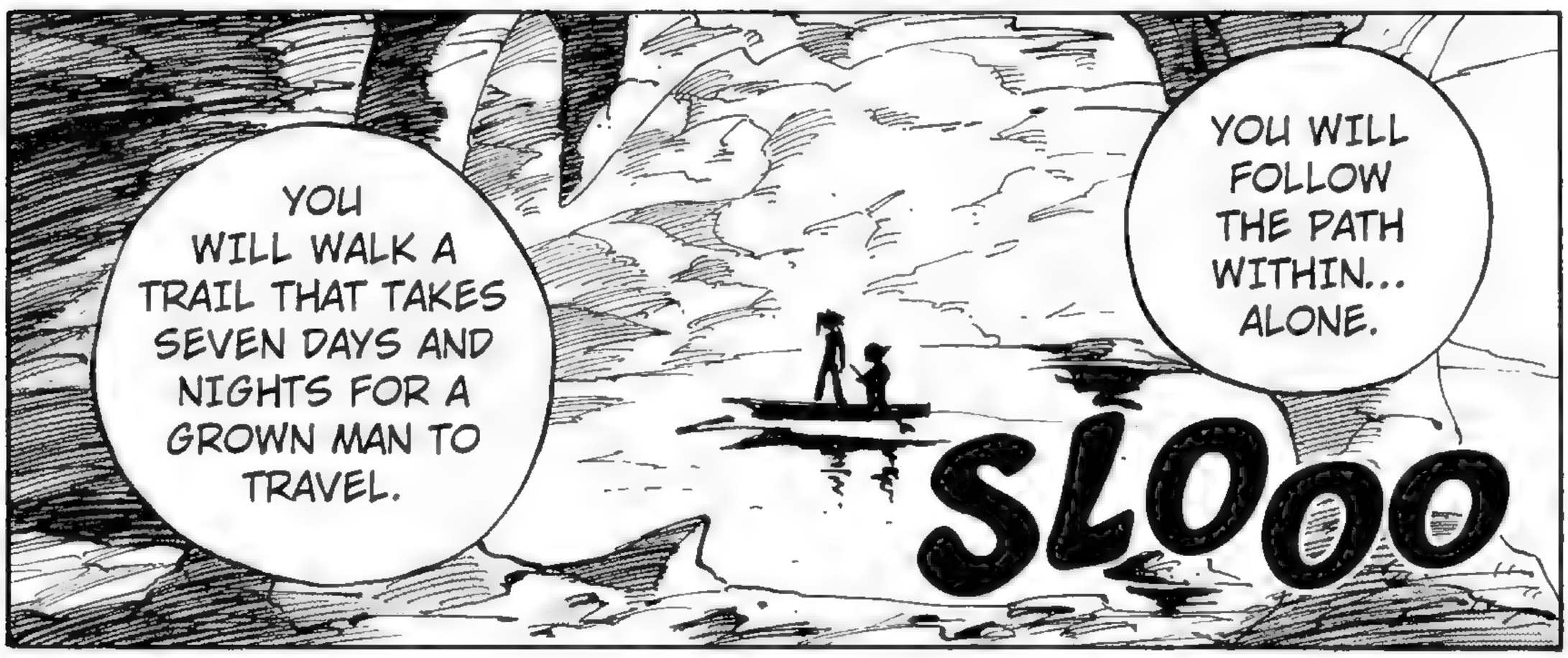


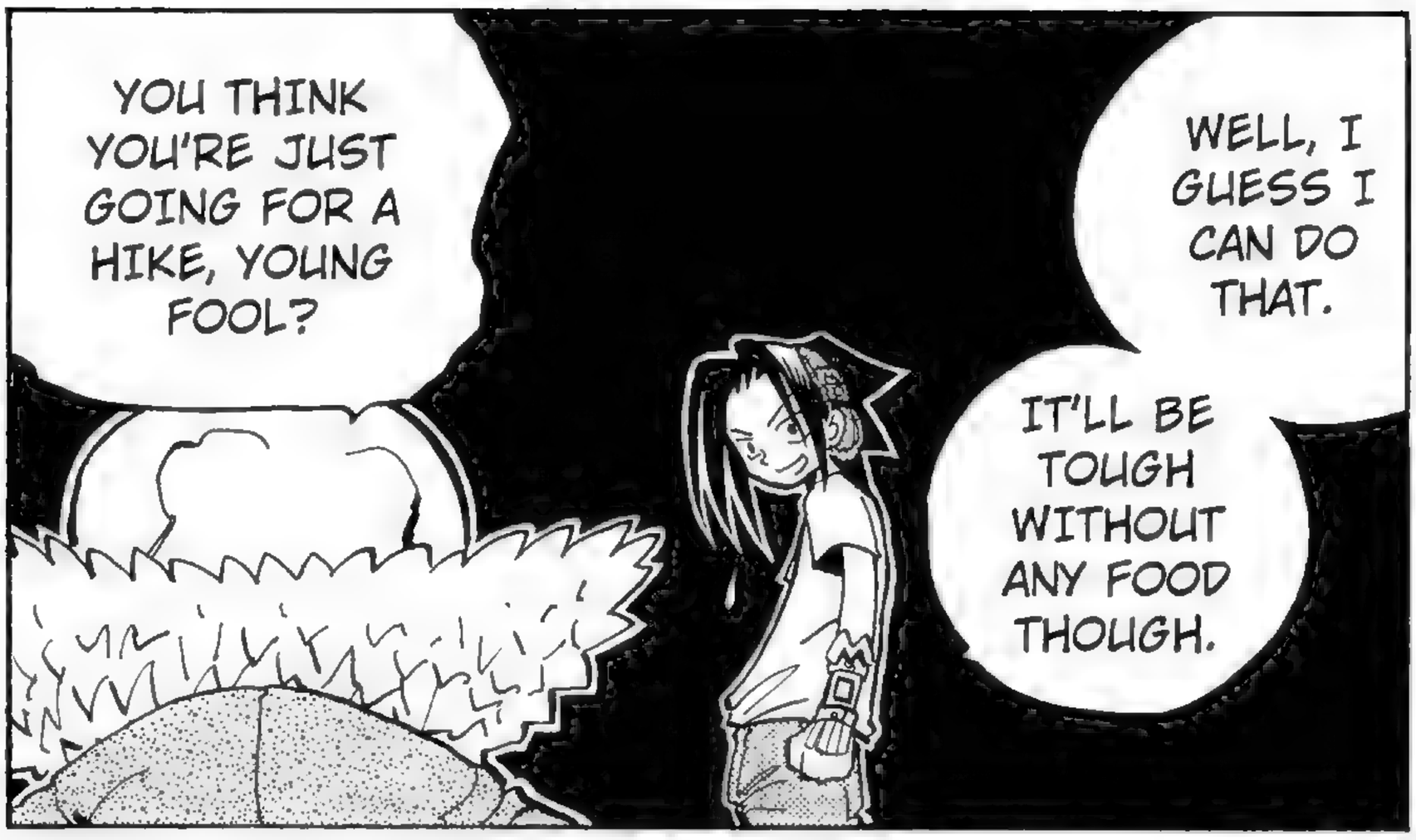
HWOOOOo
THIS IS THE CAVERN OF SHAMANS.
ONE OF THE OPENINGS TO THE NETHER-WORLD.

GONGONG

IT'S SO BIG AND SO DARK... I FEEL LIKE IT'S DRAWING ME IN...
...THE OPENING TO THE NETHER-WORLD...


TRAINED?
HERE THE ANCIENTS BURIED THEIR DEAD.
AND HERE THE SHAMANS OF OLD TRAINED.
KREEK


YOU WILL WALK A TRAIL THAT TAKES SEVEN DAYS AND NIGHTS FOR A GROWN MAN TO TRAVEL.
YOU WILL FOLLOW THE PATH WITHIN... ALONE.
SLOOO


YOU THINK YOU'RE JUST GOING FOR A HIKE, YOUNG FOOL?
WELL, I GUESS I CAN DO THAT.
IT'LL BE TOUGH WITHOUT ANY FOOD THOUGH.

SEVEN DAYS AND NIGHTS..
GULP

YOUR VISION WILL GO FIRST. THEN YOUR OTHER SENSES WILL DIMINISH... UNTIL ALL THAT REMAINS IS YOUR *SIXTH SENSE*.
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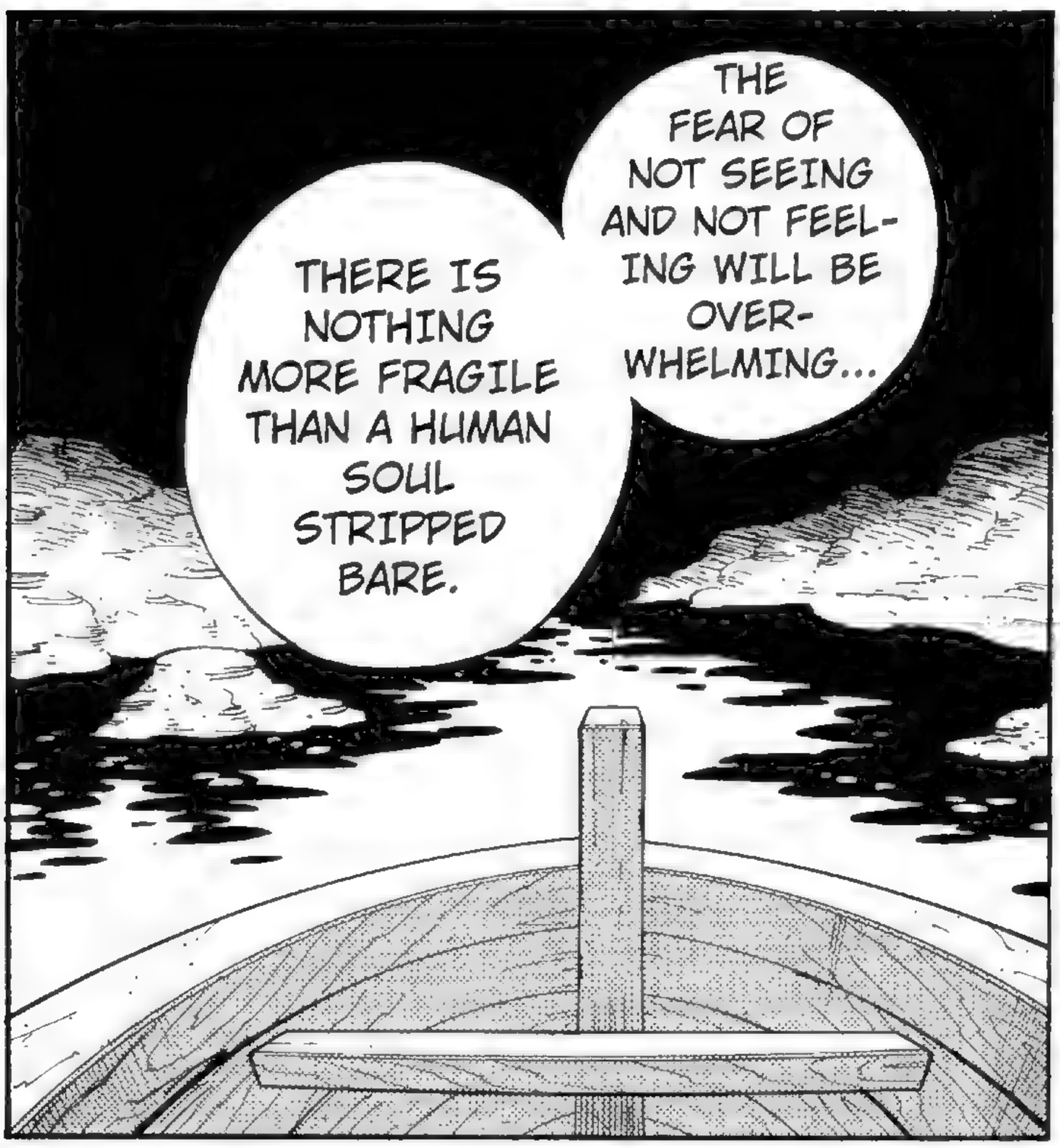
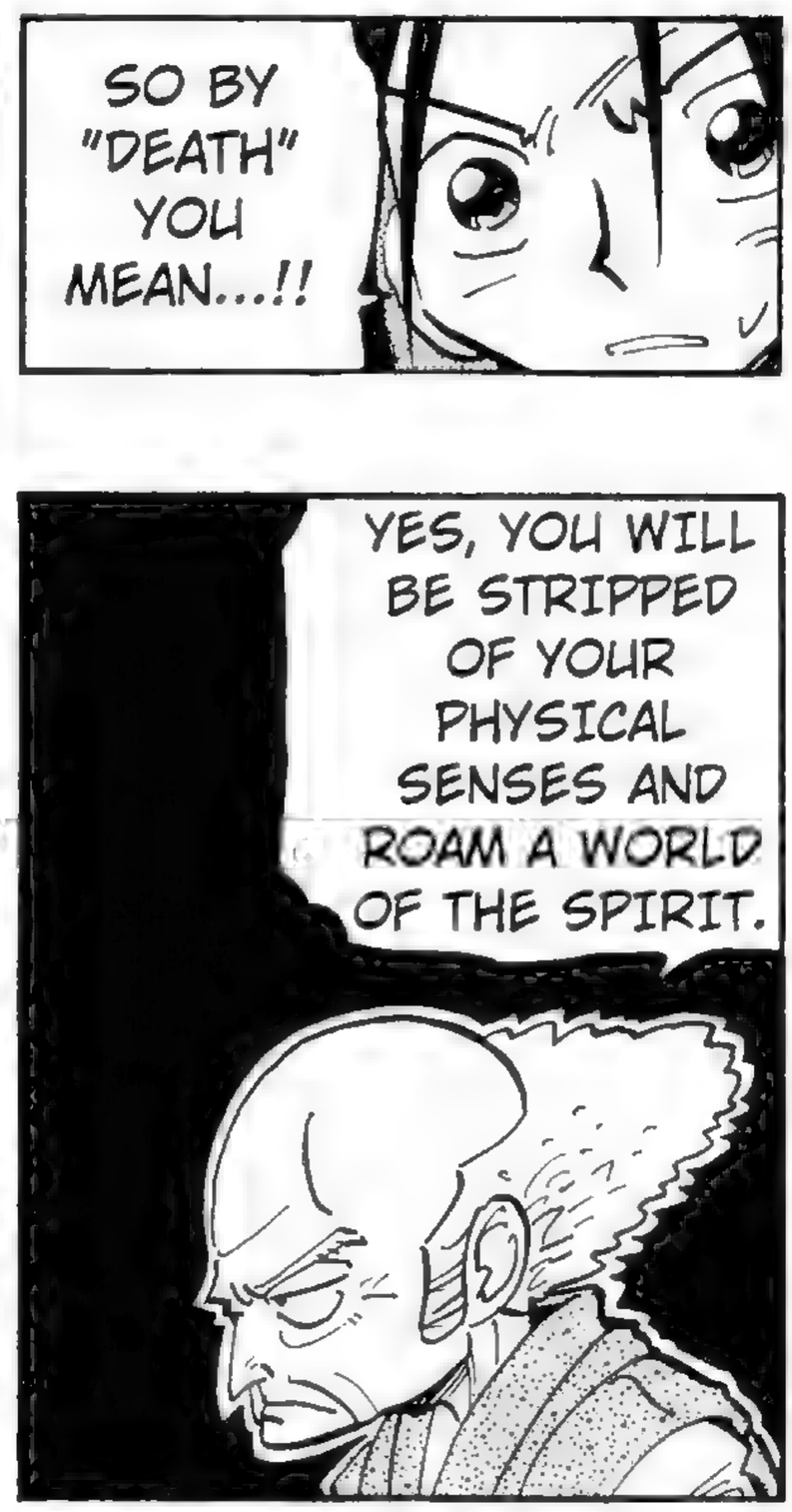
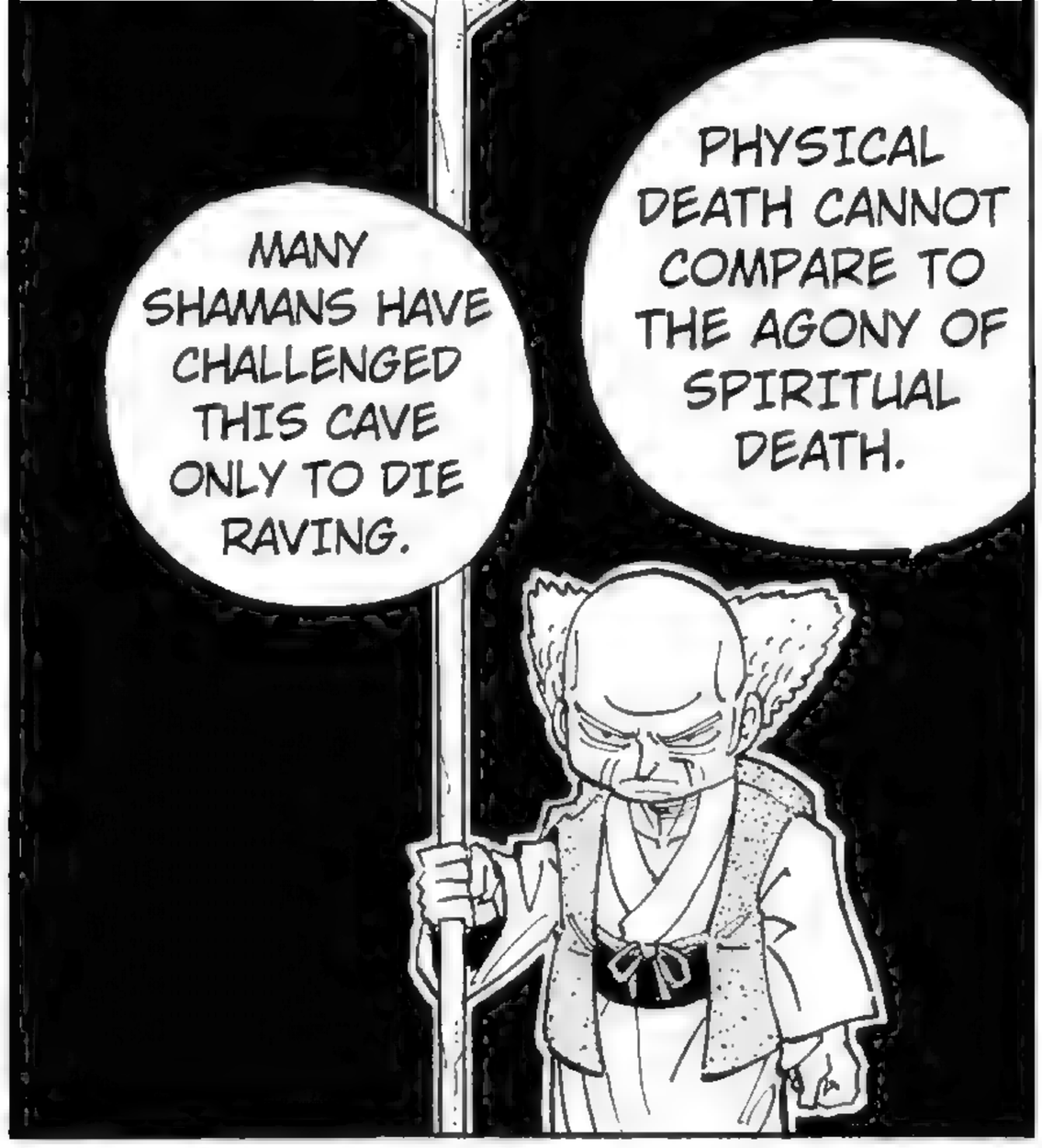
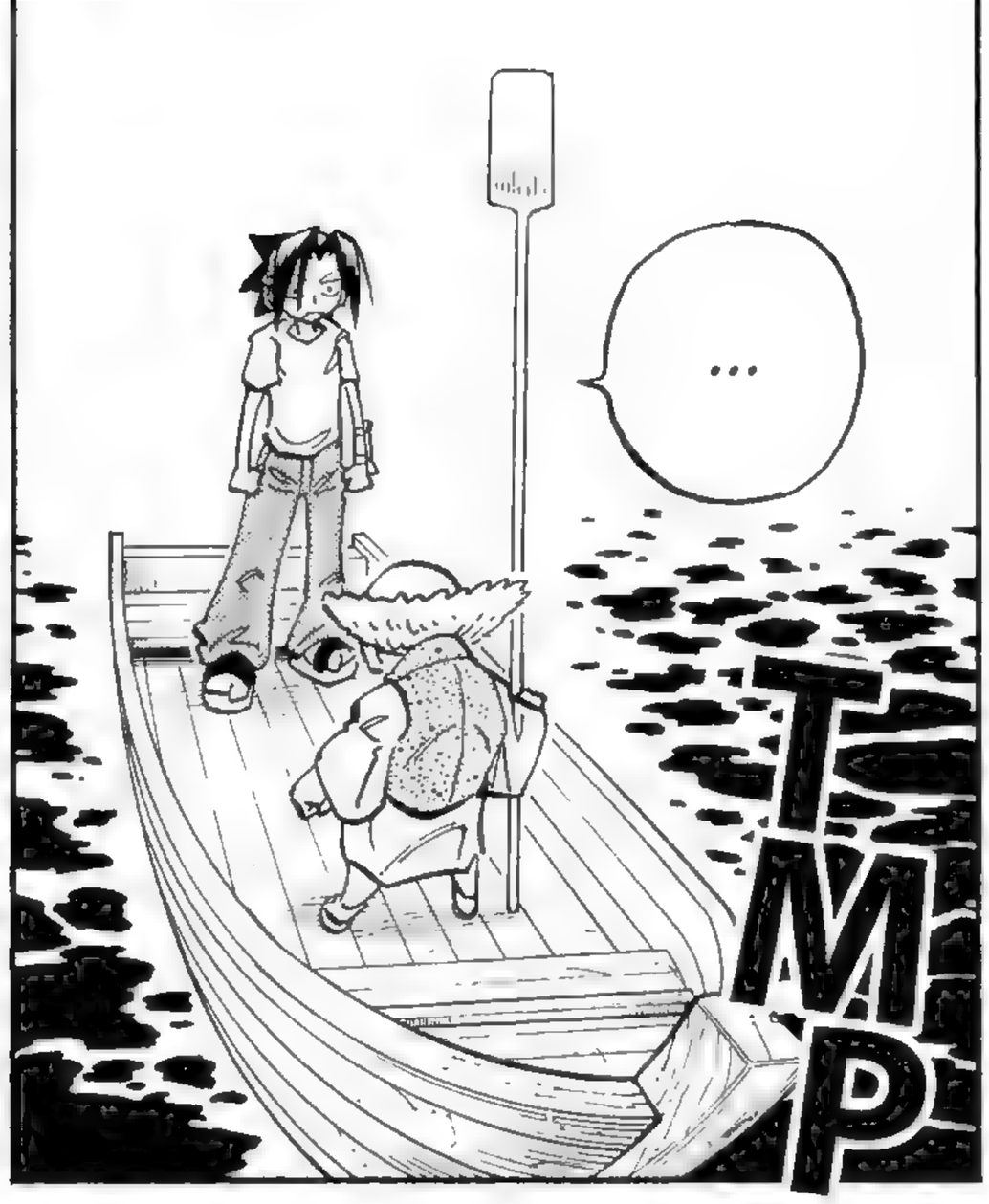
HERE YOU ENTER A WORLD OF DARKNESS. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL UP FROM DOWN. HOW WILL THAT AFFECT YOU AFTER SEVEN DAYS?


THE FEAR OF NOT SEEING AND NOT FEELING WILL BE OVERWHELMING...
THERE IS NOTHING MORE FRAGILE THAN A HUMAN SOUL STRIPPED BARE.


SO BY "DEATH" YOU MEAN...!!
YES, YOU WILL BE STRIPPED OF YOUR PHYSICAL SENSES AND ROAM A WORLD OF THE SPIRIT.


MANY SHAMANS HAVE CHALLENGED THIS CAVE ONLY TO DIE RAVING.
PHYSICAL DEATH CANNOT COMPARE TO THE AGONY OF SPIRITUAL DEATH.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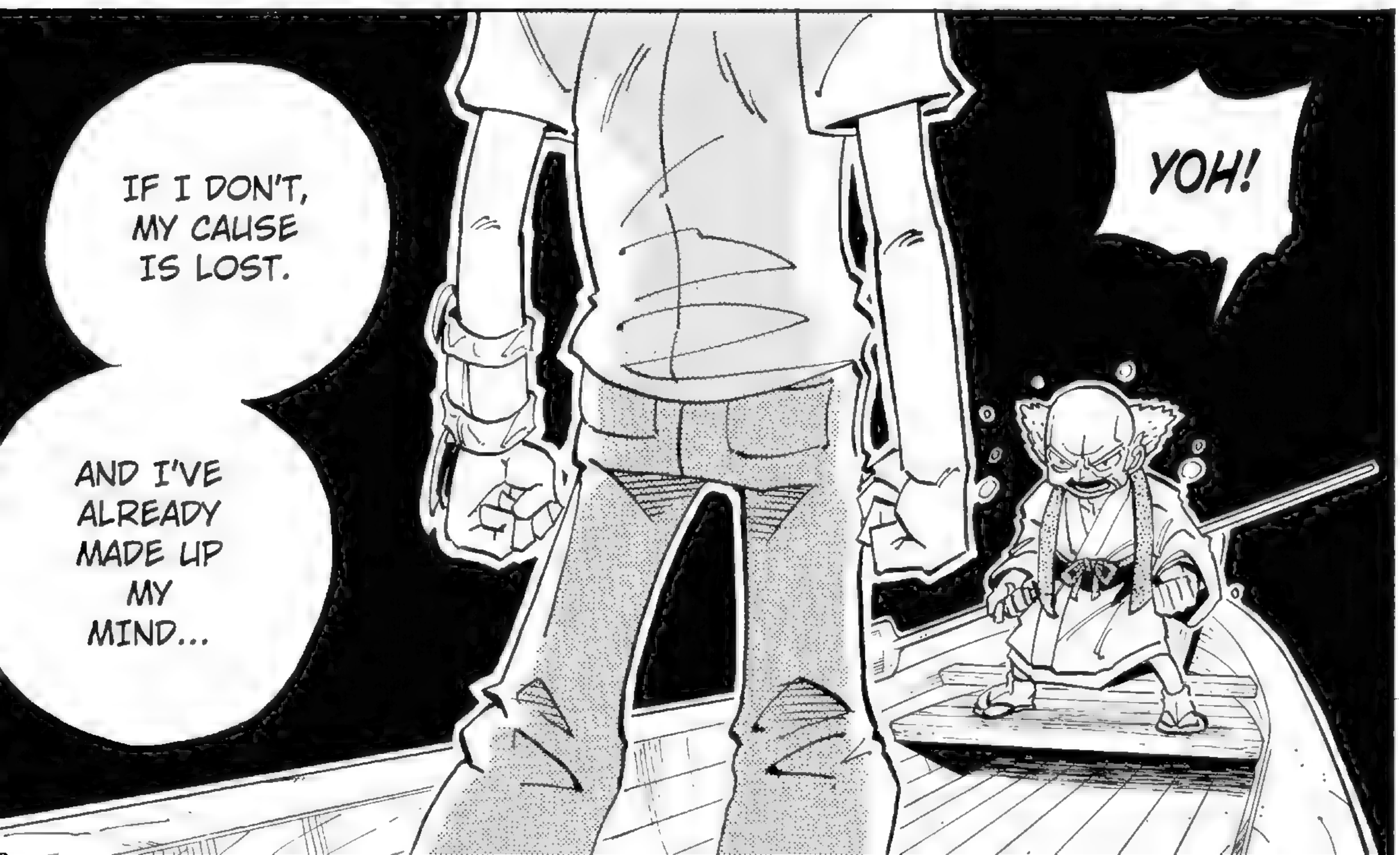
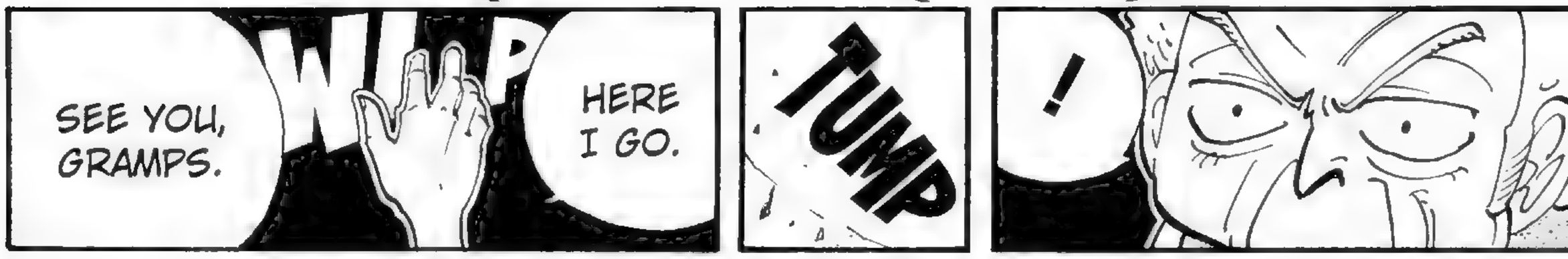
ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE...!?
WILL YOU STILL...

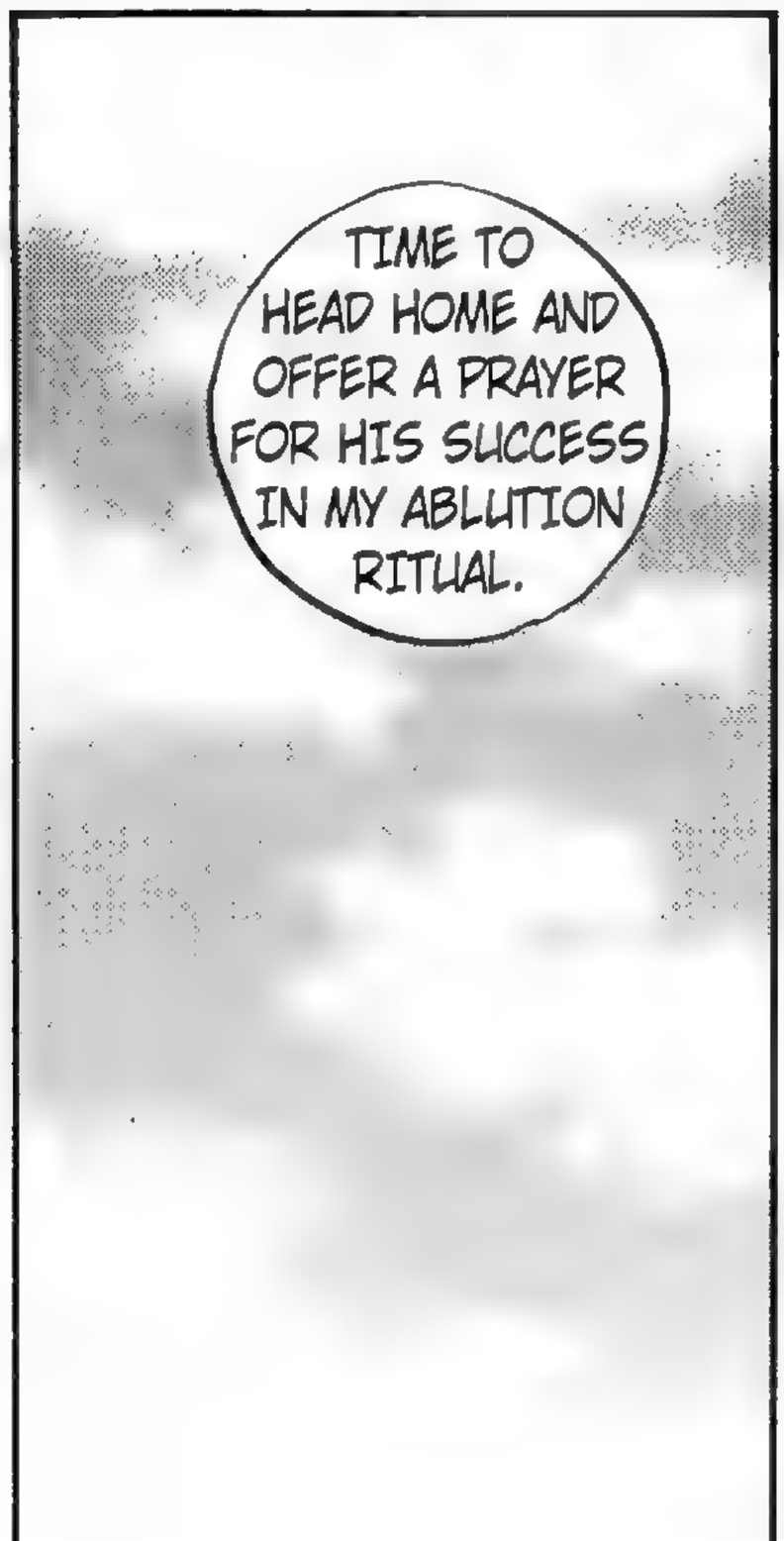
I'LL DO IT.

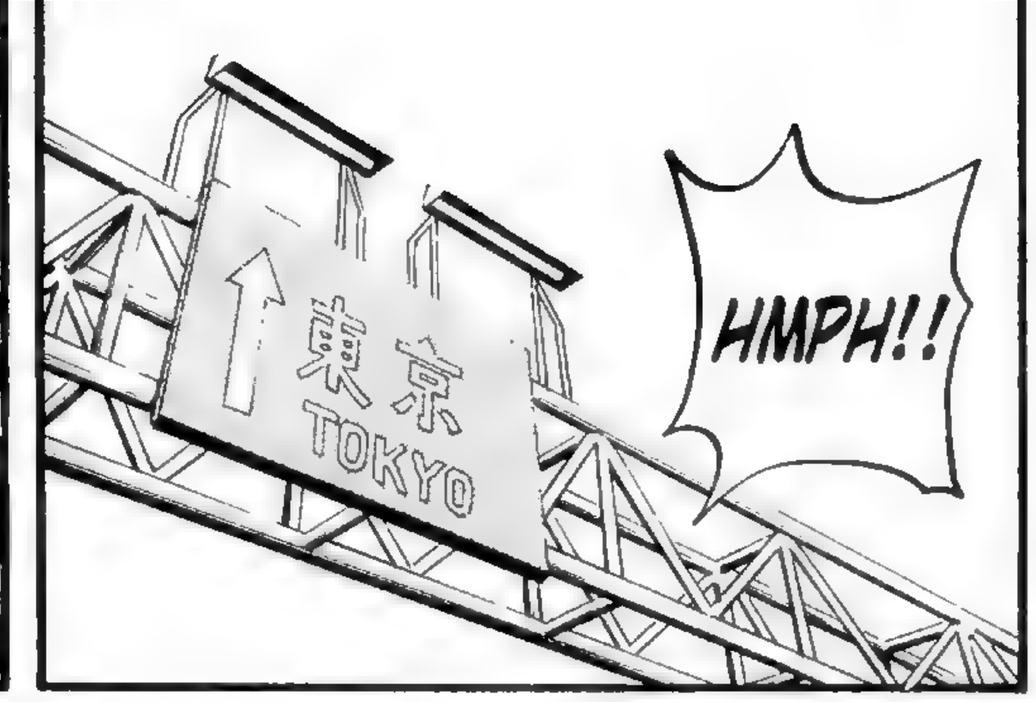
THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE TO DO.
HMM...

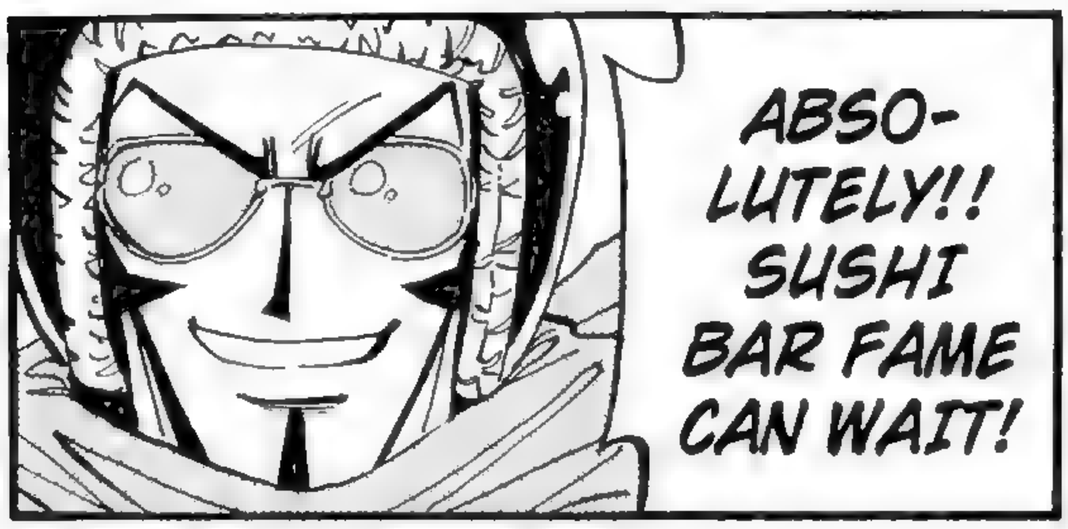

IF I DON'T, MY CAUSE IS LOST.
AND I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND...
YOH!

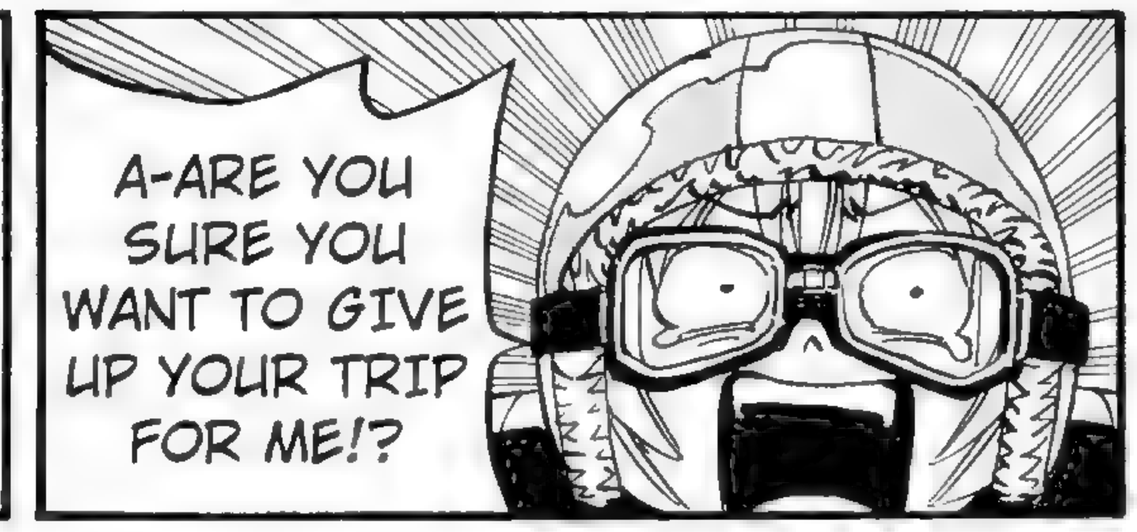
TO BE THE SHAMAN KING.









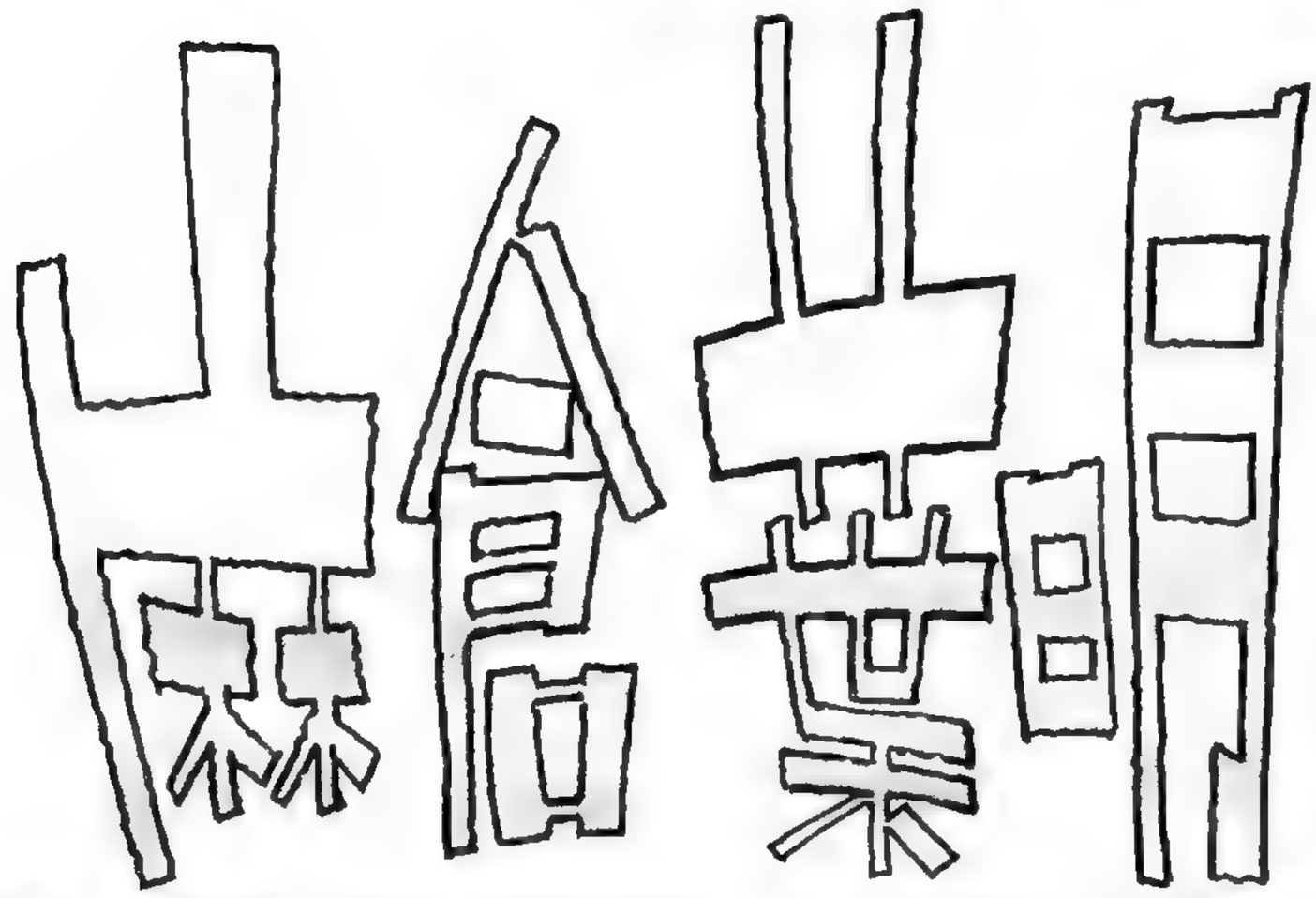


WE'RE GOING ON A ROAD TRIP TO IZUMO!!

LET'S GO!!

VROOOOM

SHAMAN KING CHARACTER FILE No.26



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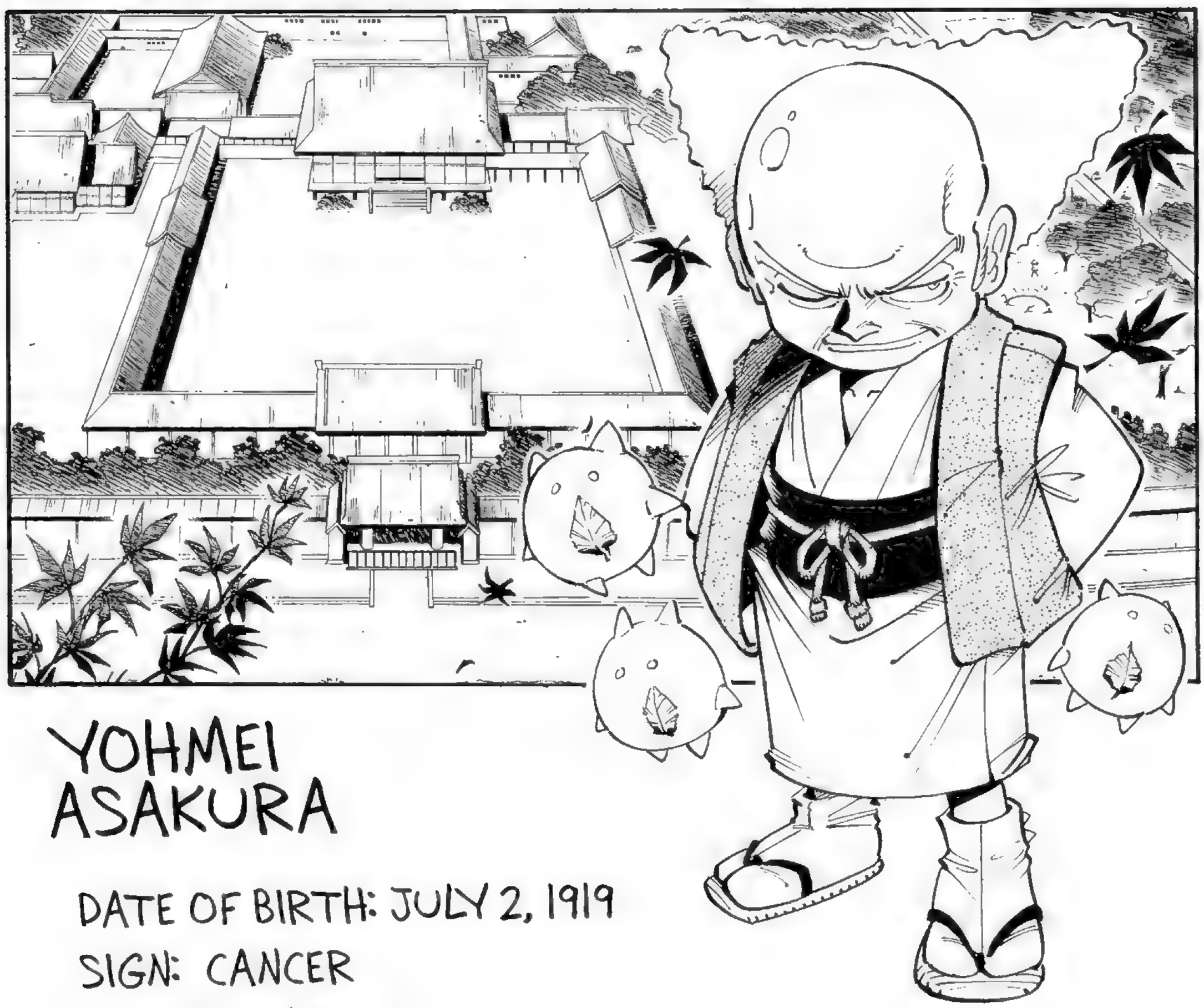

YOHMEI
ASAKURA

DATE OF BIRTH: JULY 2, 1919
SIGN: CANCER
BLOOD TYPE: O

AAA-OOO!! MY BIKE, SHE'S A KEEPER!

AH! SUN BLAZIN' IN A BLUE SKY!

山陽道 SANYO 岡山 Okayama

近畿道 KINKI 松原 Matsubara

RED-HOT HIGHWAY, FRYIN' MY HIDE!

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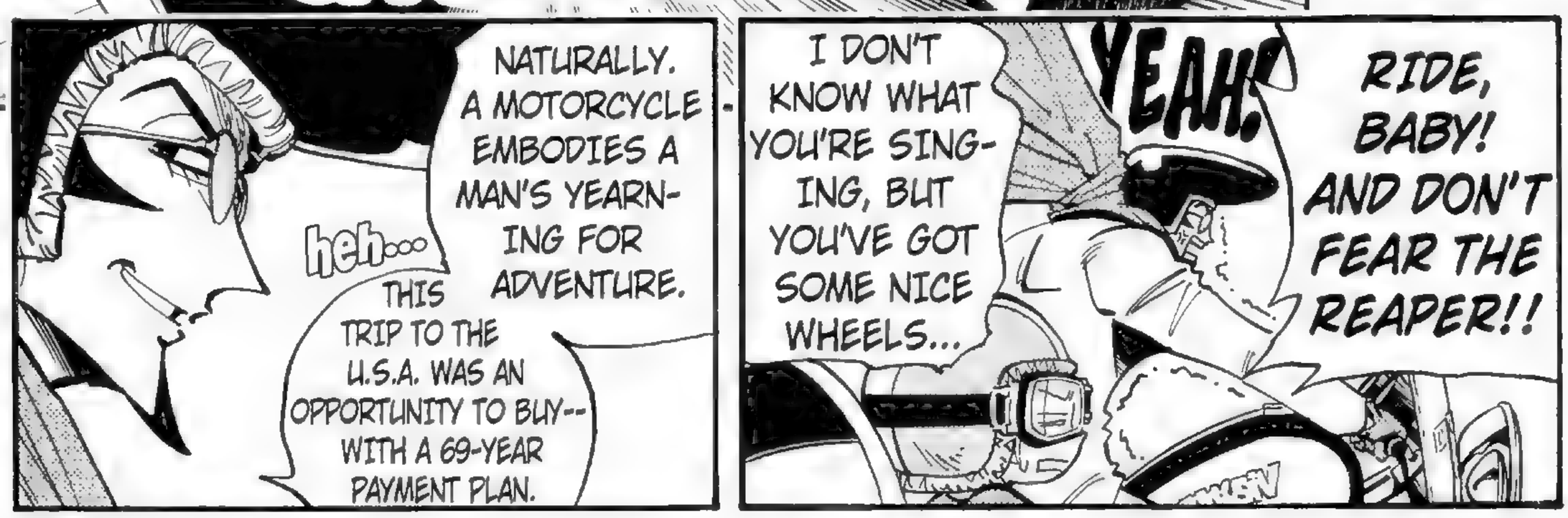
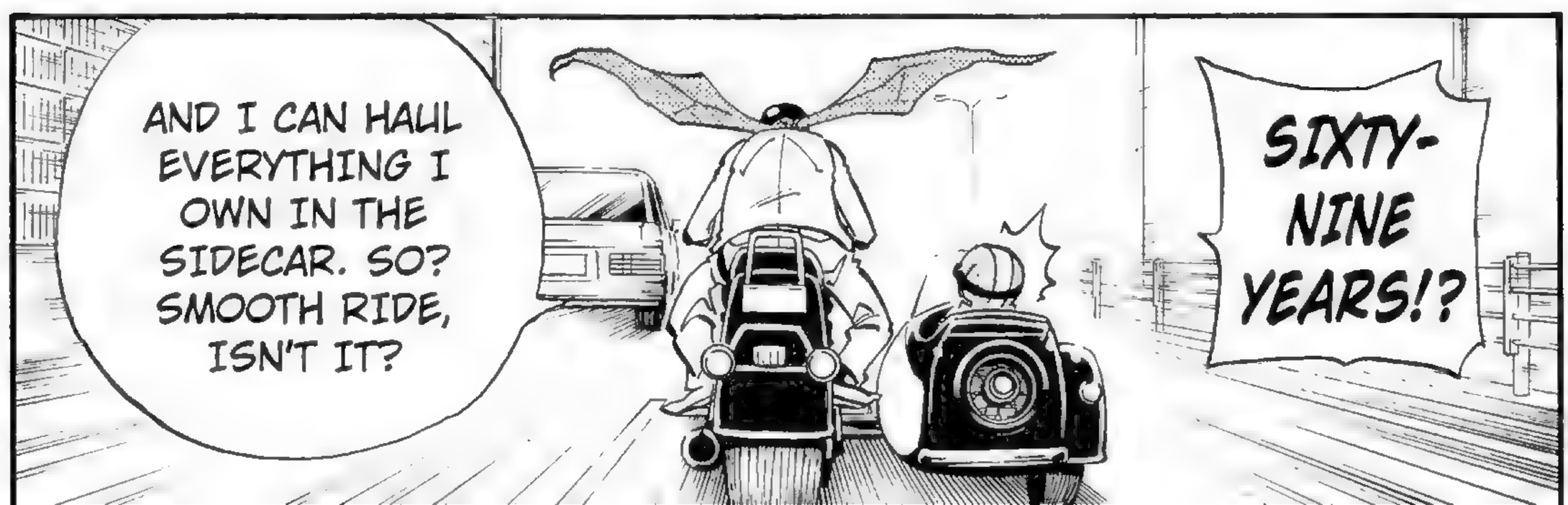
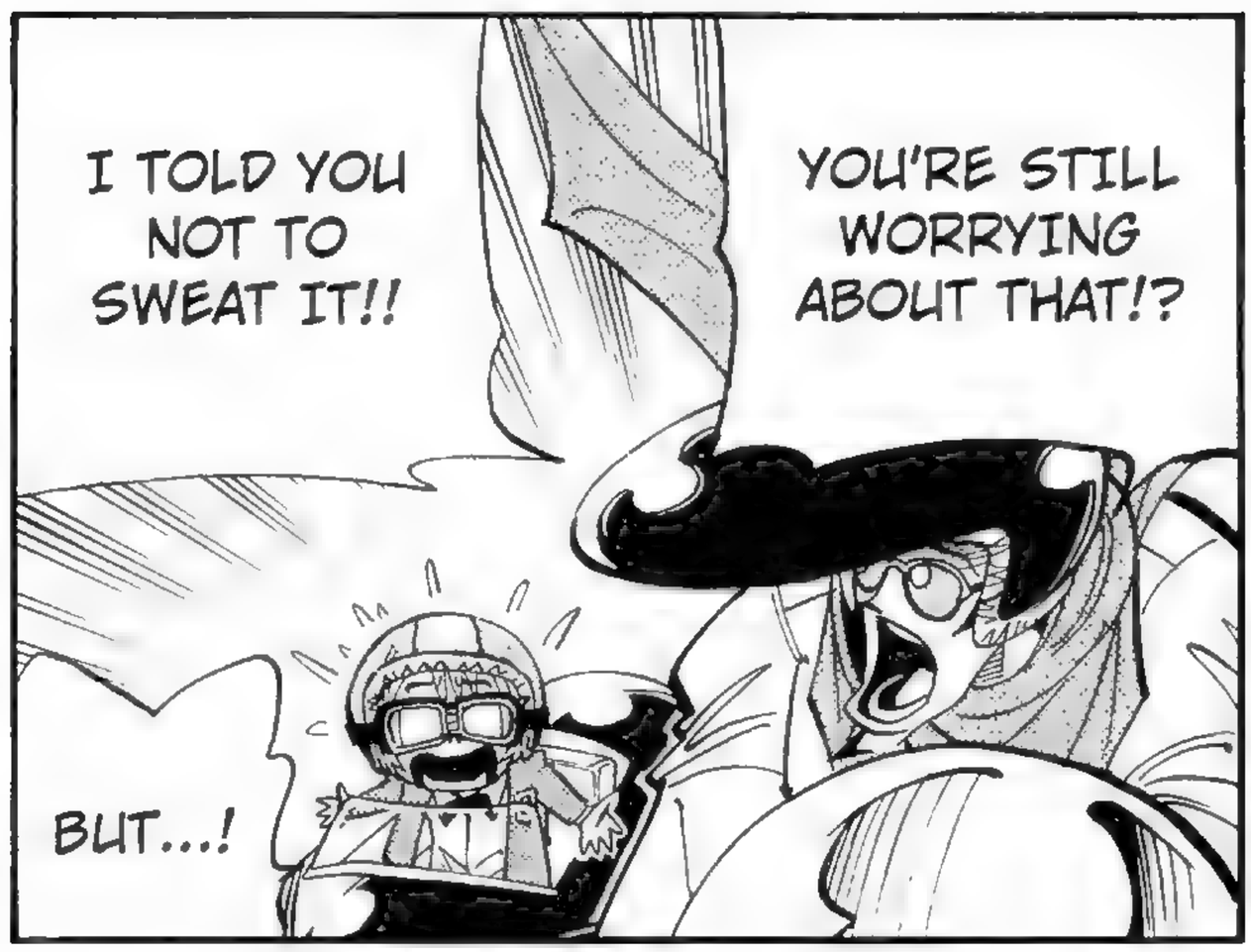


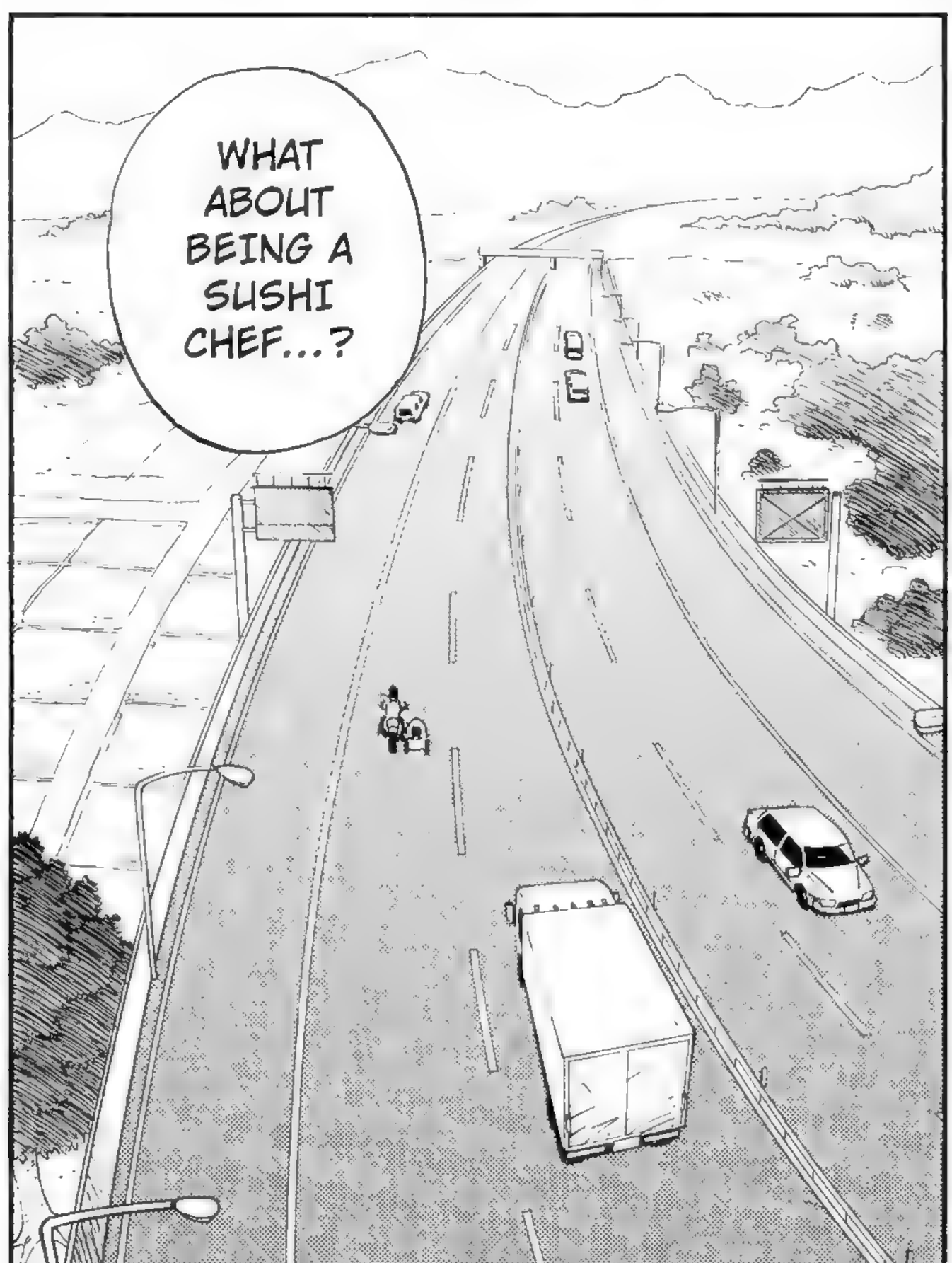


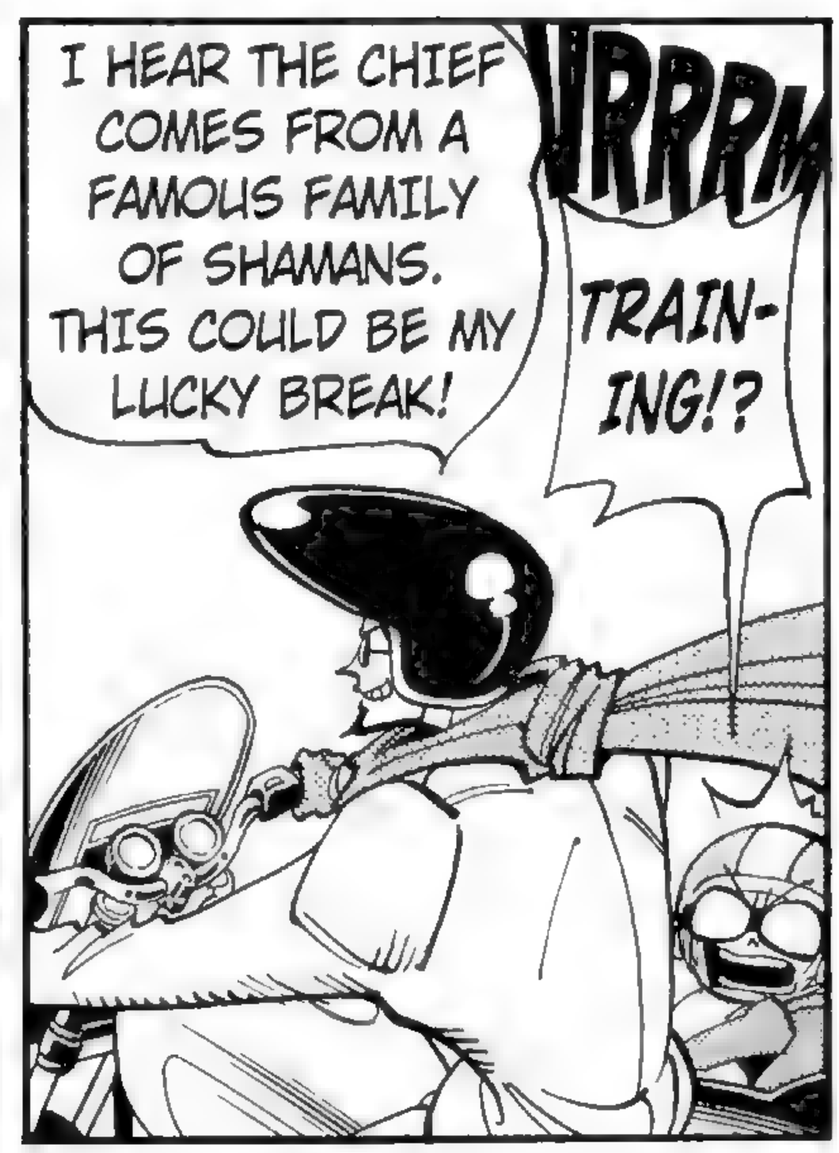

I TOLD YOU NOT TO SWEAT IT!!
YOU'RE STILL WORRYING ABOUT THAT!?
BUT...!

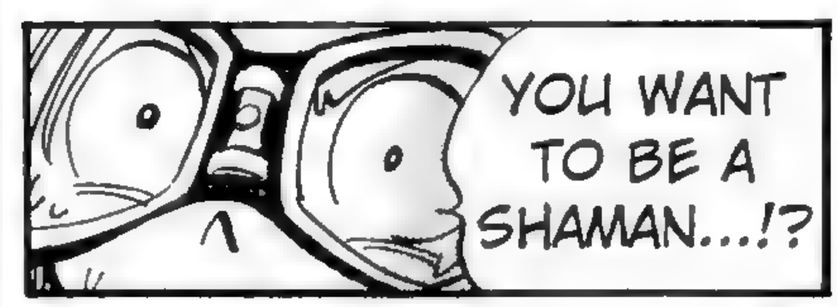
I'M SORRY, RYU. YOU POSTPONED YOUR TRIP TO AMERICA FOR ME...
SNIFF...

YEAH, BUT...
VRRRM

MAYBE I'LL GET TO DO A LITTLE SHAMAN TRAINING, TOO.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS ROAD TRIP. I MEAN, WE'RE GOING TO THE CHIEF'S HOUSE!


WHAT ABOUT BEING A SUSHI CHEF...?


I HEAR THE CHIEF COMES FROM A FAMOUS FAMILY OF SHAMANS. THIS COULD BE MY LUCKY BREAK!
VRRRM
TRAIN-ING!?


YOU WANT TO BE A SHAMAN...!?

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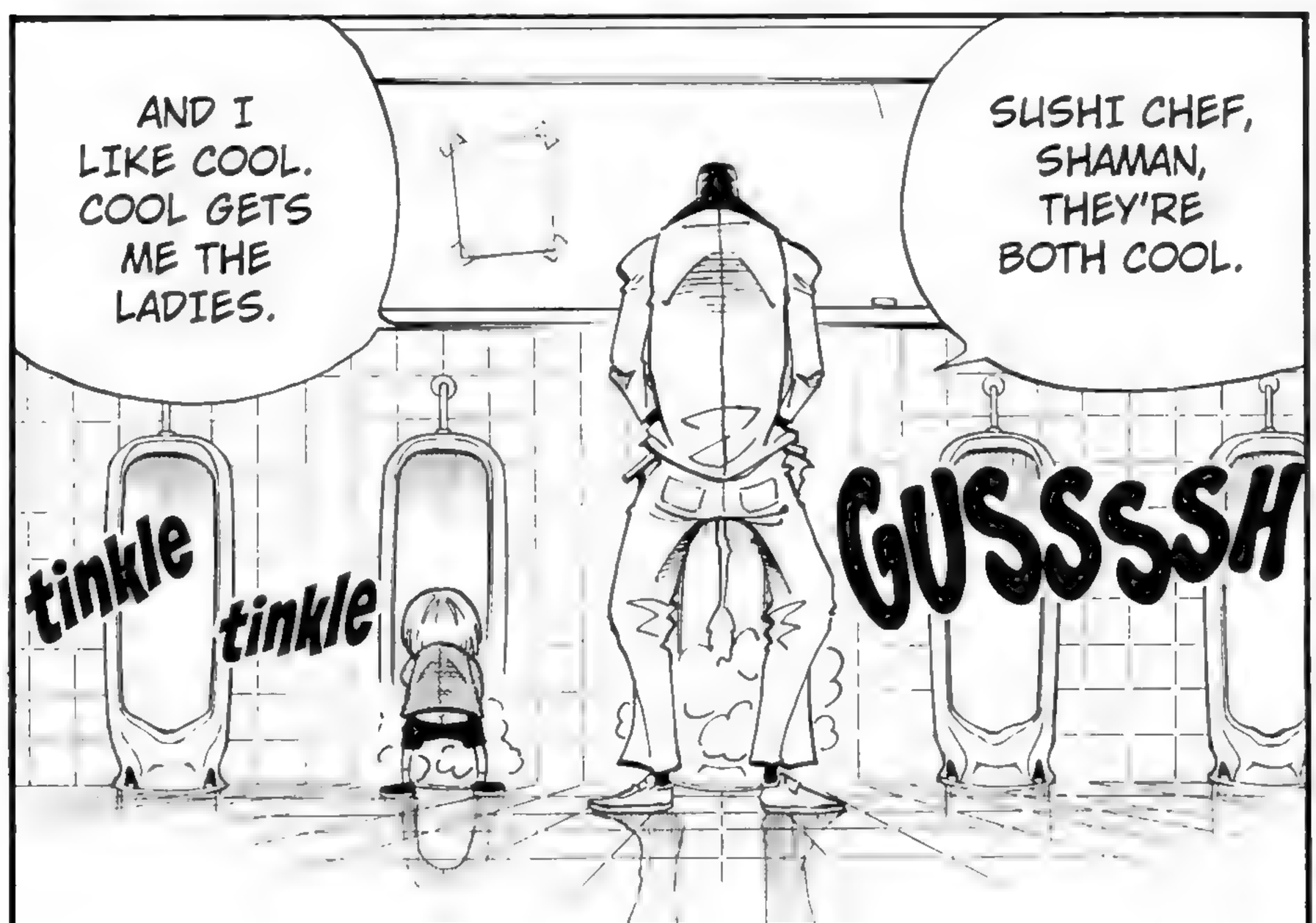
VRM

HEAR ME OUT...


AND I LIKE COOL. COOL GETS ME THE LADIES.
SUSHI CHEF, SHAMAN, THEY'RE BOTH COOL.
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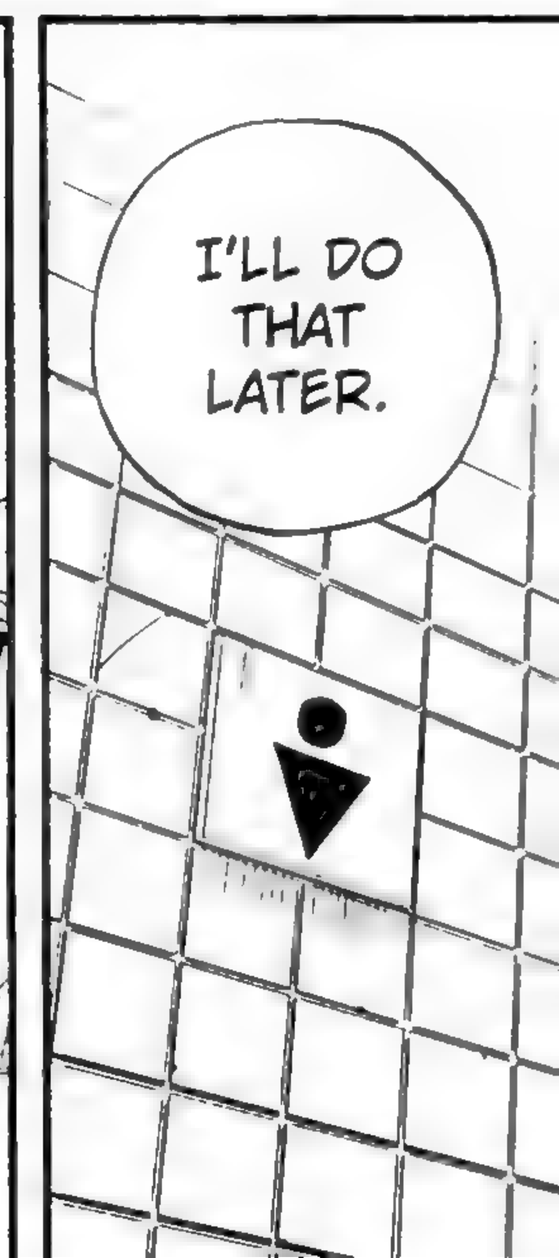
tinkle
GUSSSSH


I'LL DO THAT LATER.

C'MON. GUYS'LL DO ANY-THING TO IMPRESS THE CHICKS.
RYU, THAT'S A STUPID REASON!
GUSSSH

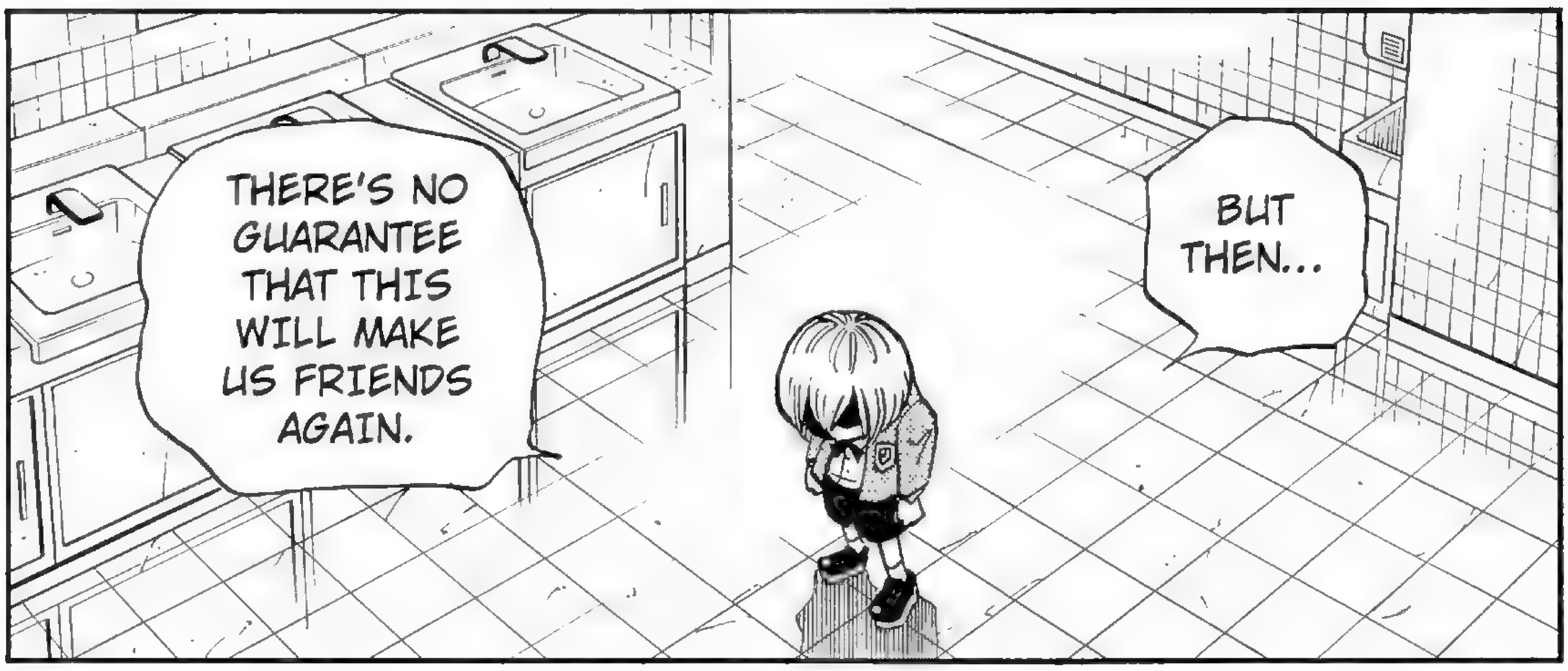
SHAMANS GOTTA BE BABE MAGNETS.
PLOOSH
HAUNTED HOUSES DON'T EVEN FAZE 'EM.

YOU'RE LUCKY YOUR LIFE IS SO SIMPLE.
sigh
ALL MEN LIVE TO BE POPULAR! IT'S JUST OUR NATURE!

I'M GOING TO IZUMO TO GET TO KNOW YOH BETTER.
I NEVER SAID I DID.

SO WHY DO *YOU* WANNA BE A SHAMAN?
HUH!?
GUSSSH

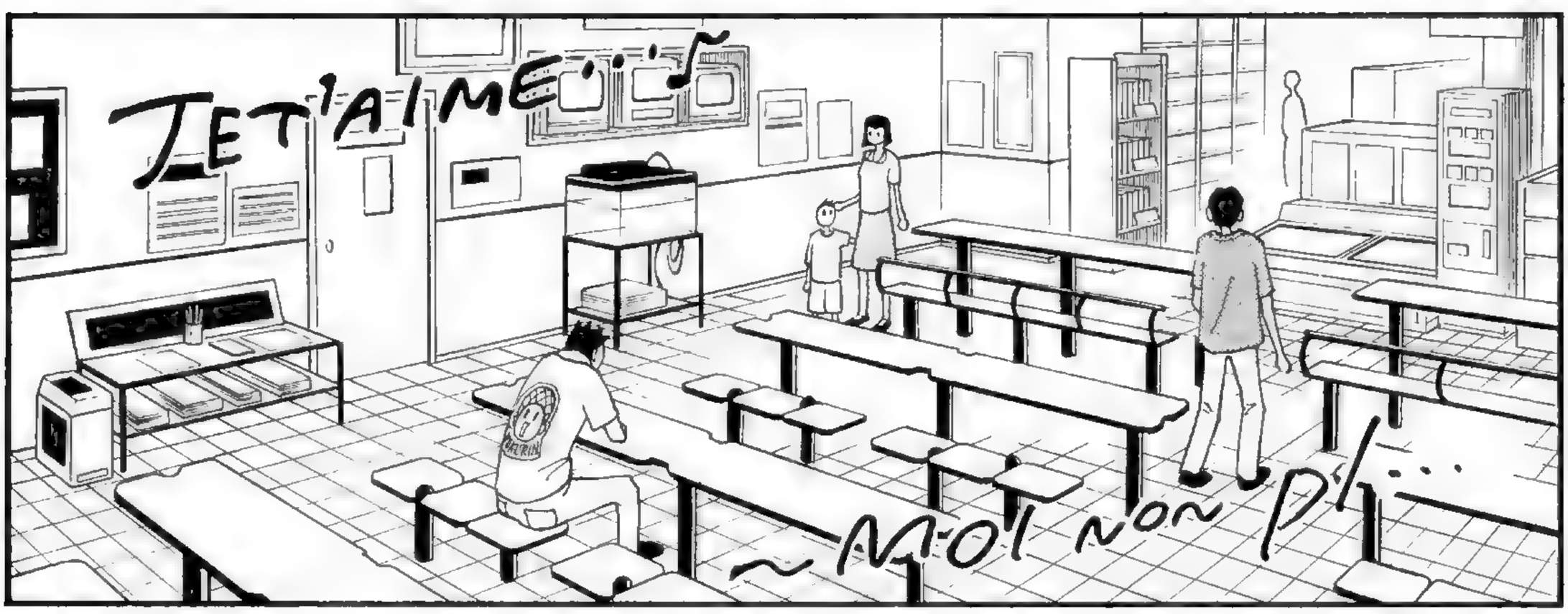
WHO ARE THE ASAKURAS, ANYWAY...!?
I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT HIS FAMILY, AND MORE ABOUT THIS SHAMAN KING THING!

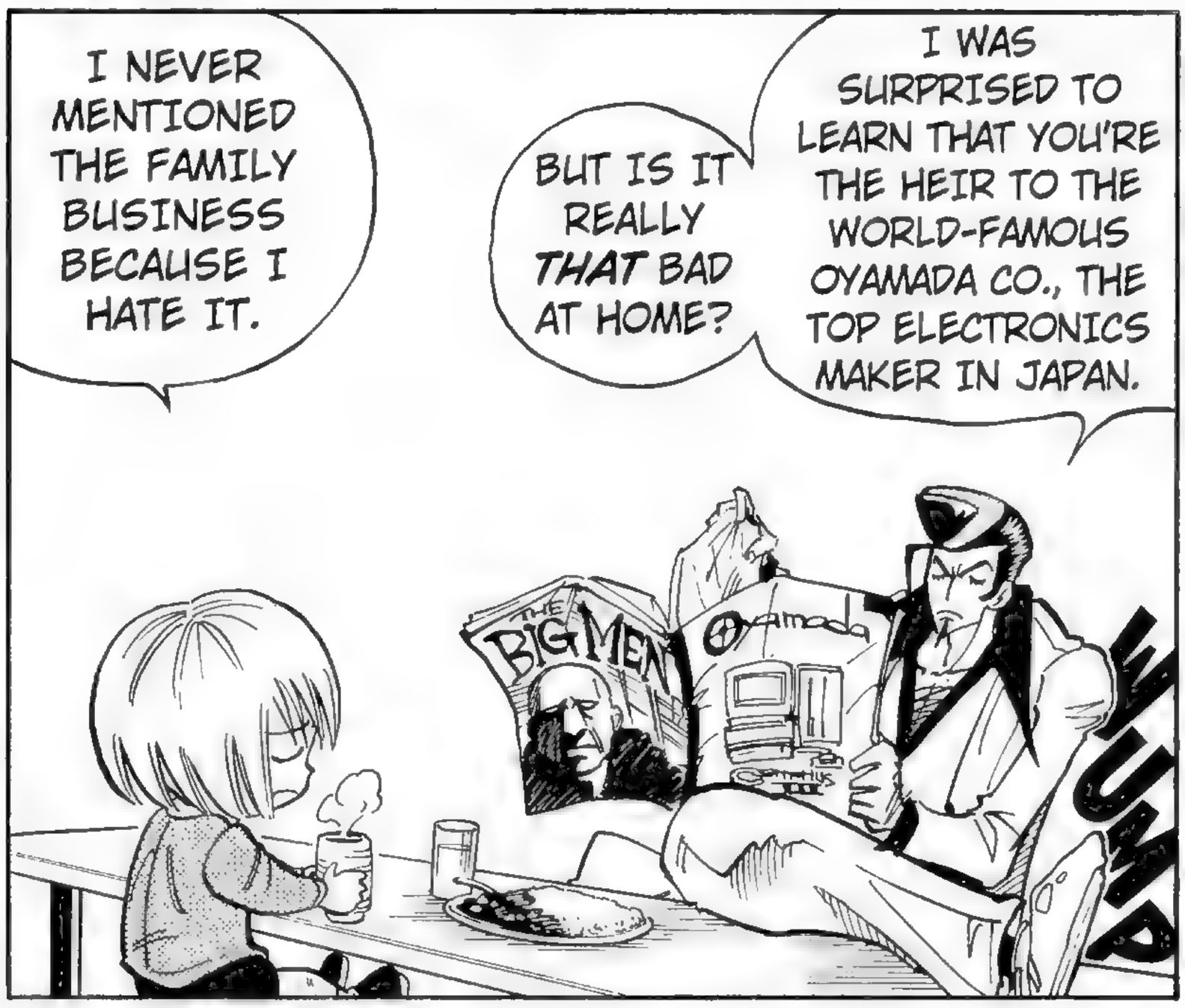

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THIS WILL MAKE US FRIENDS AGAIN.
BUT THEN...

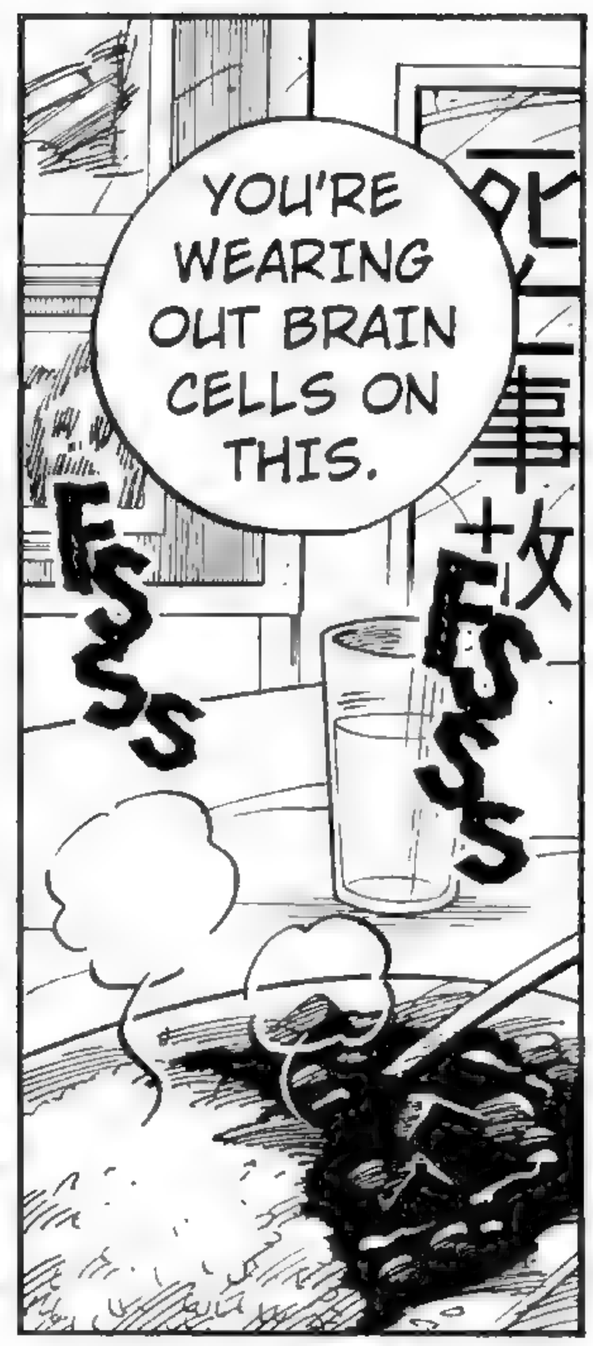
IT WAS MY FAULT. I WAS USING YOH TO ESCAPE.

I DON'T THINK THE CHIEF REALLY HATES YOU.
NOW, DON'T BE SO GLOOMY.
HE DOES.
GUSSH

AND GOING...!
HE KEEPS GOING!
ESCAPE WHAT...?
GUSSH


JE T'AIME...♪
~MOI NON PLUS...


I NEVER MENTIONED THE FAMILY BUSINESS BECAUSE I HATE IT.
BUT IS IT REALLY *THAT* BAD AT HOME?
I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT YOU'RE THE HEIR TO THE WORLD-FAMOUS OYAMADA CO., THE TOP ELECTRONICS MAKER IN JAPAN.
THE BIG MEN
Oyamada
FUNDS


YOU'RE WEARING OUT BRAIN CELLS ON THIS.
ESSESSESSES

I DON'T HAVE A DREAM.
BUT UNLIKE YOU AND YOH...

WHAT!?
YOU'RE BEING AN IDIOT.
BAM

I TURNED TO YOH TO FORGET MY REAL LIFE. NO WONDER HE DOESN'T LIKE ME.

NO DREAM...?
NO
Oyamada

...BECAUSE YOU WERE DRAWN TO SOMETHING YOU SAW.

YOU HUNG OUT WITH THE CHIEF...

THESE ARE ALSO MY HAPPY PLACES... PLACES WHERE I FEEL AT HOME.

TAKE THESE SERVICE CENTERS SCATTERED ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, FOR EXAMPLE.

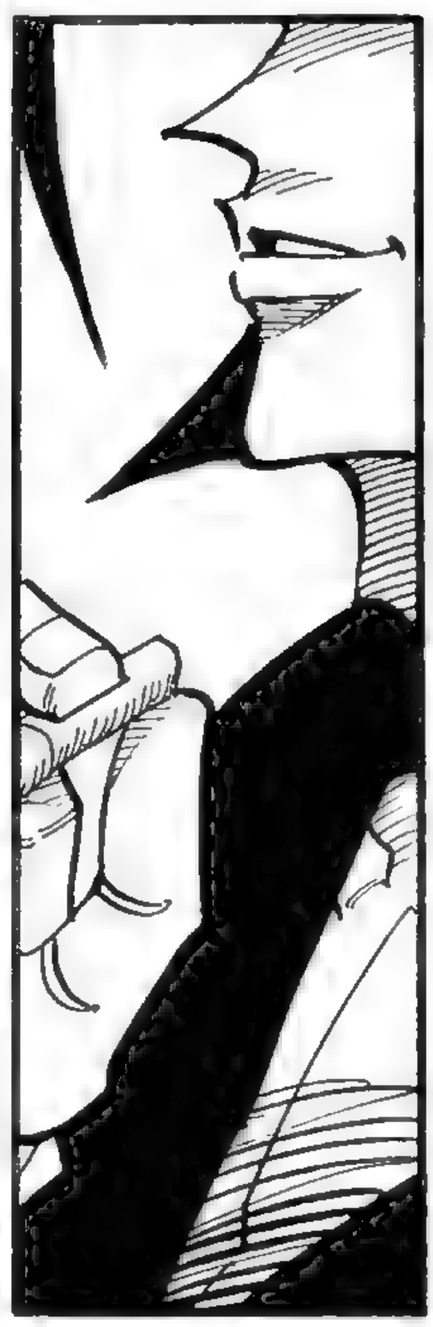
IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'RE NOT IN JAPAN ANYMORE.

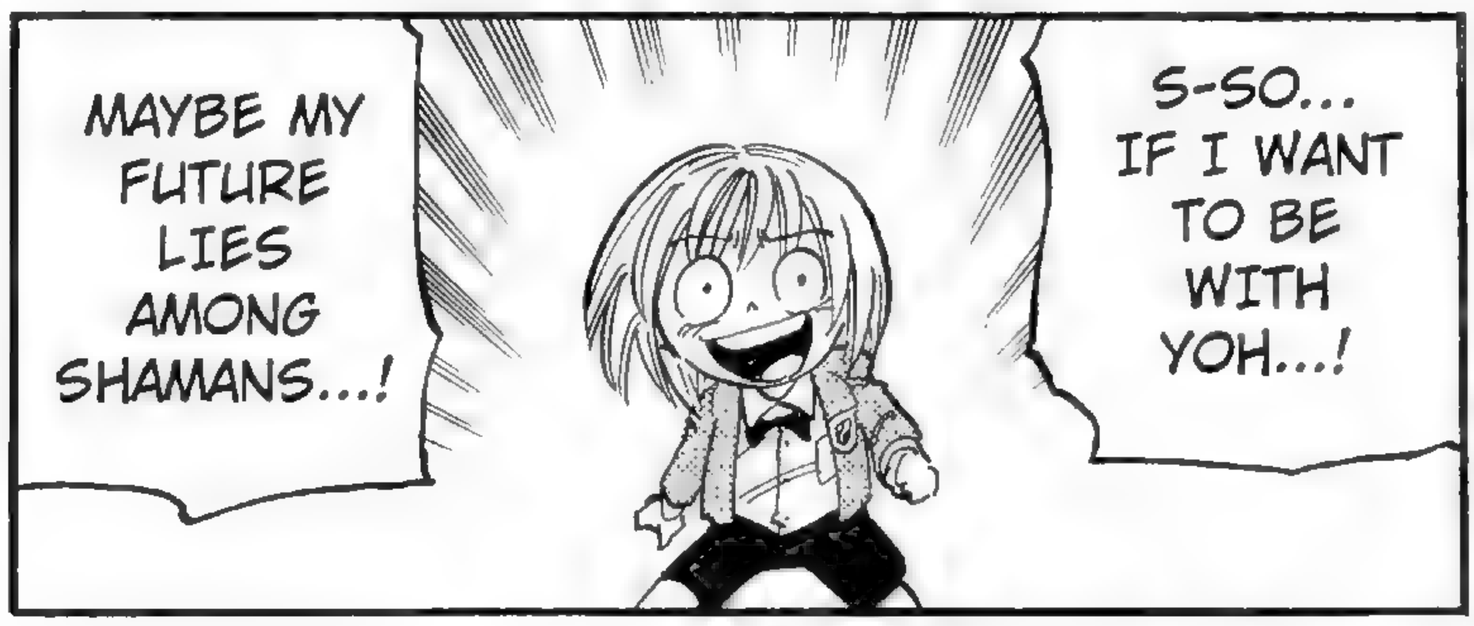
AND ABOVE ALL, I LONG FOR WIDE OPEN SPACES AND UNTAMED SKYLINES LOOMING IN THE DARKNESS.

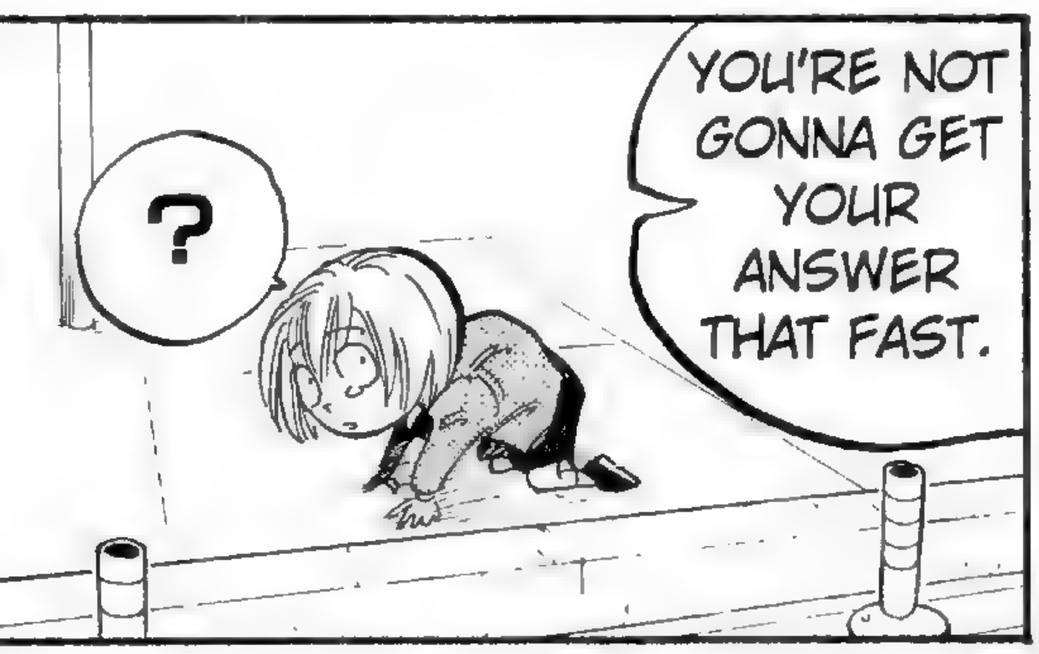
I THINK IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO BE WHEREVER YOU WANT TO BE.

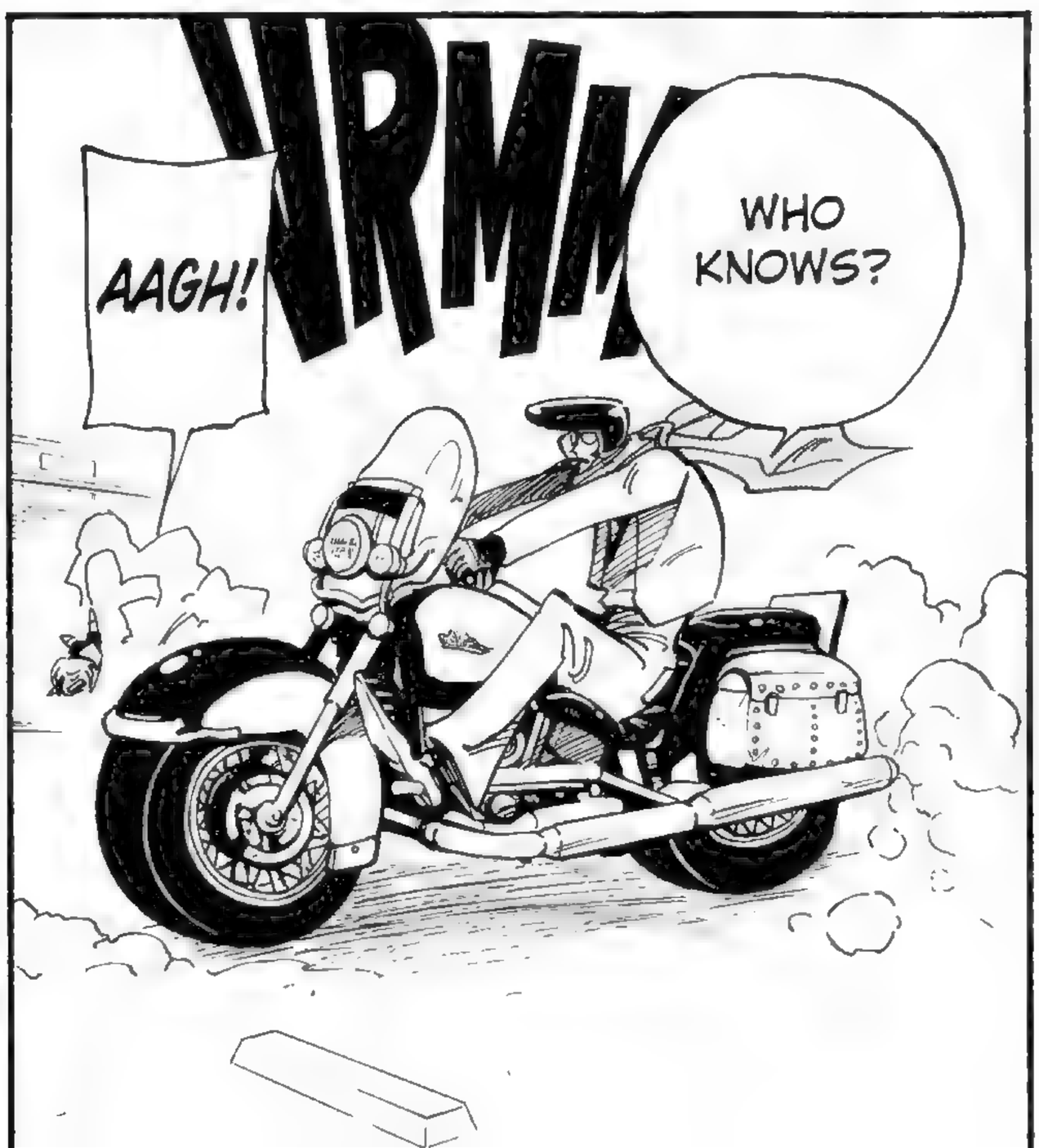
YOU DON'T NEED AN EXCUSE TO LIKE SOMETHING.

BONE Shell









THAT'S WHAT THE JOURNEY'S FOR!

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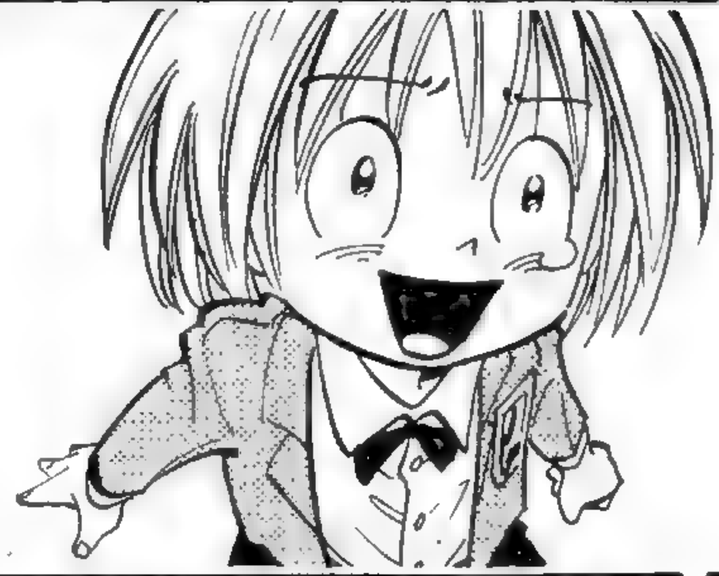
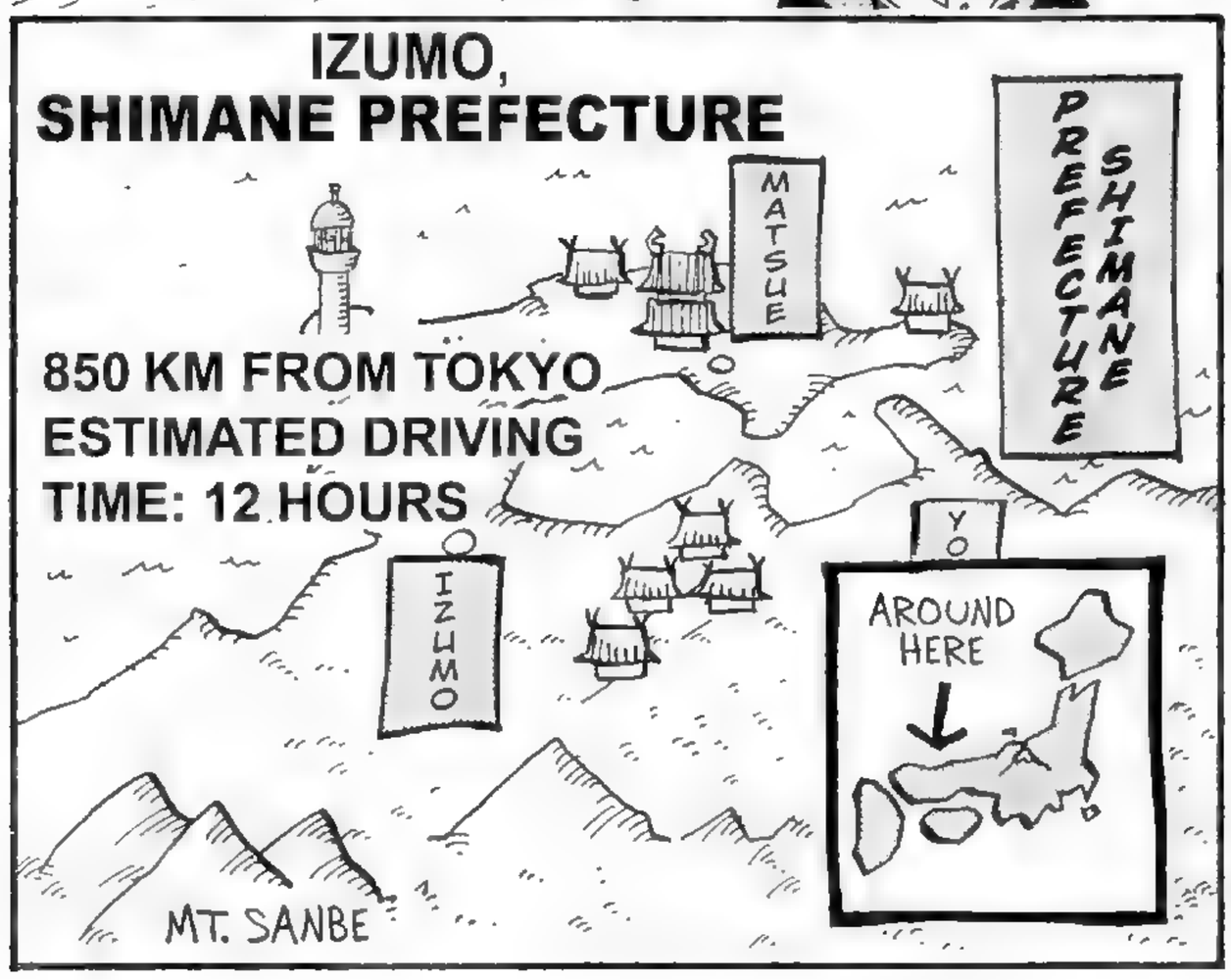
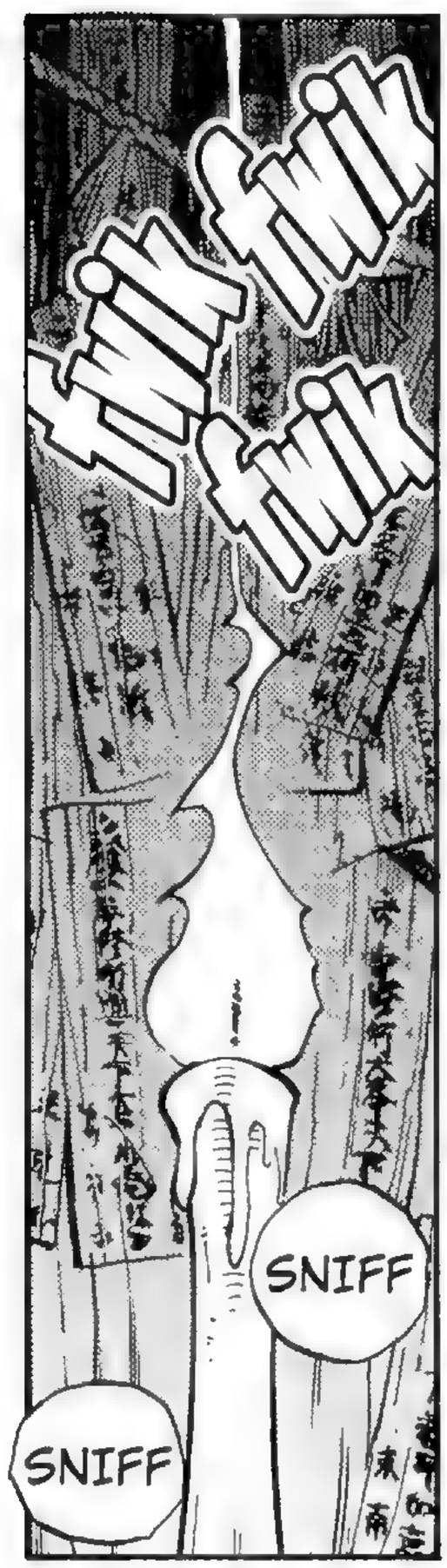


RYU!!

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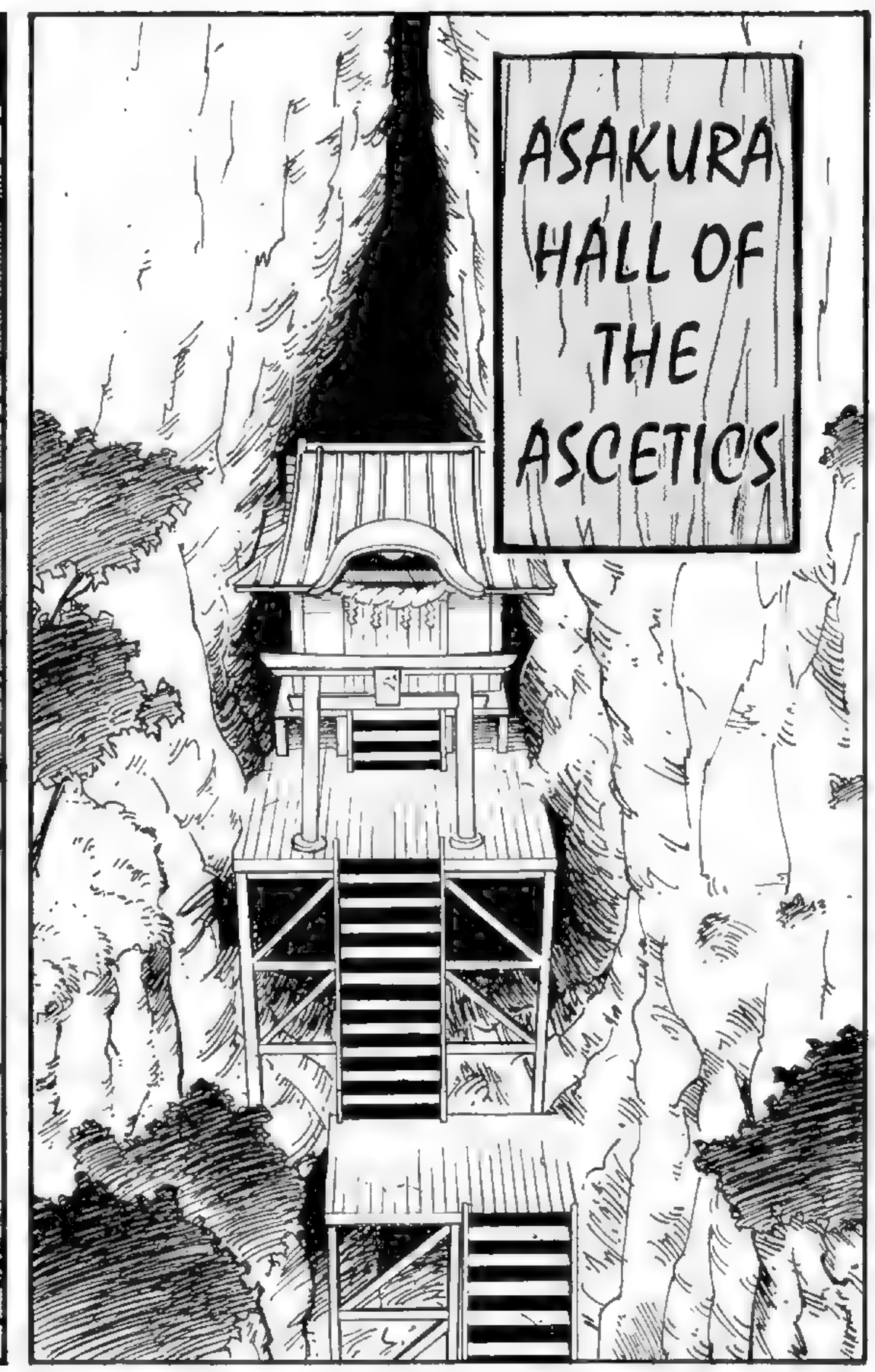
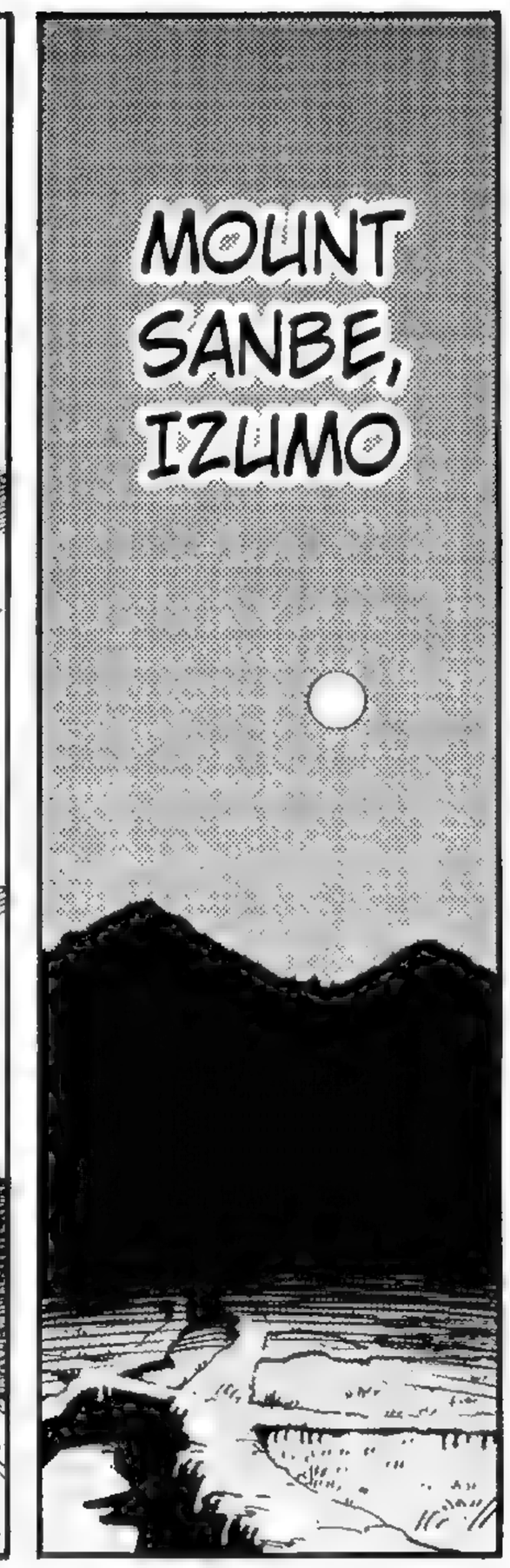

ASAKURA HALL OF THE ASCETICS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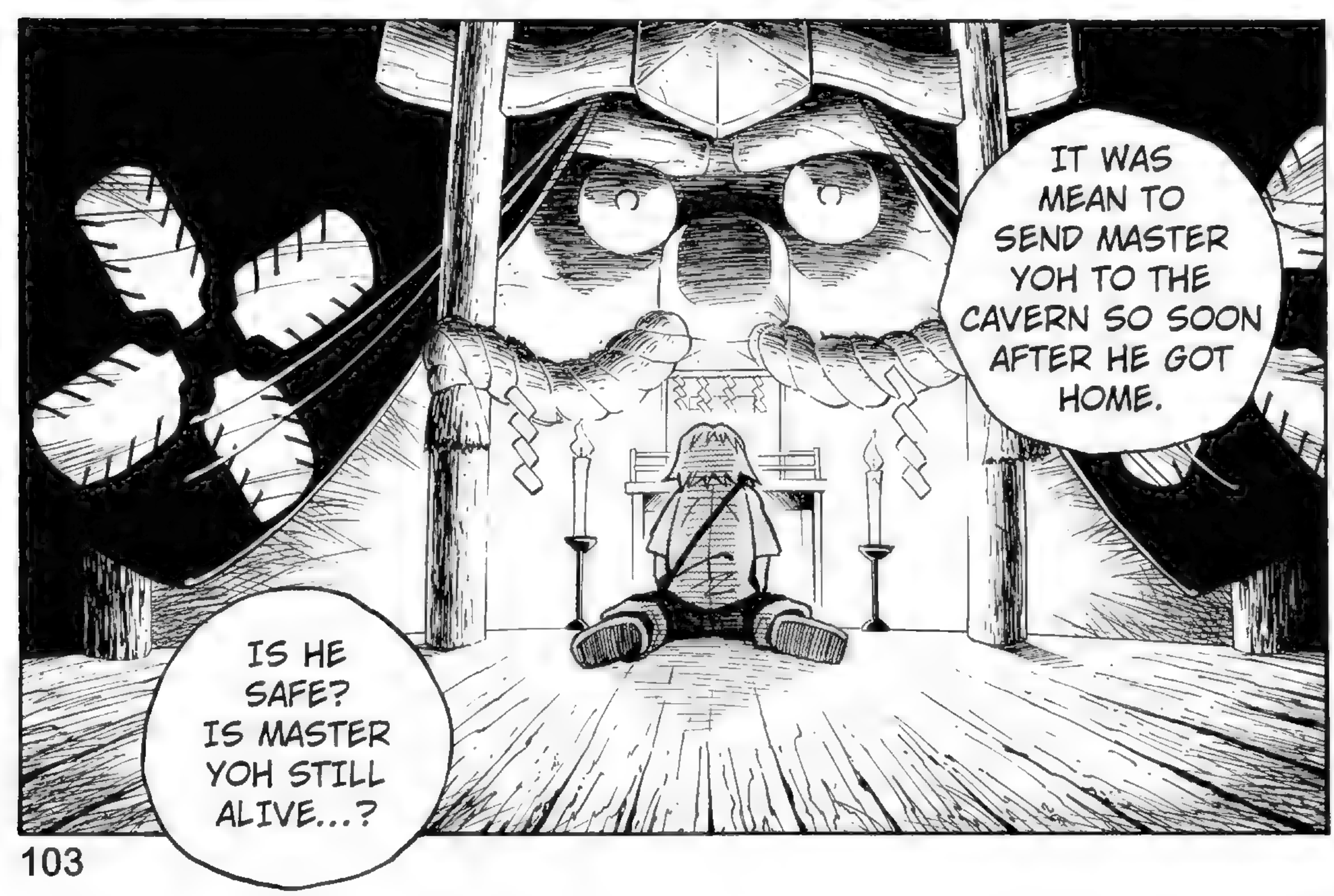
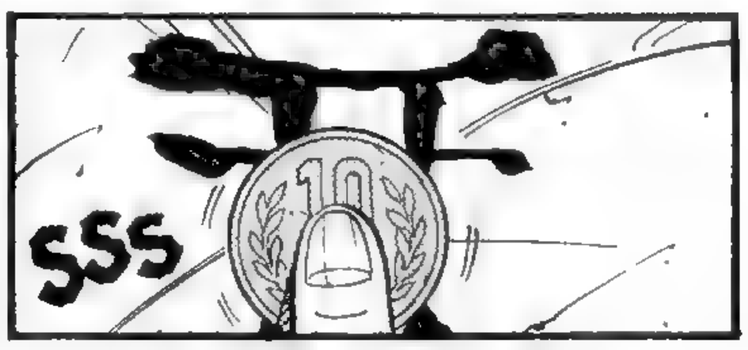
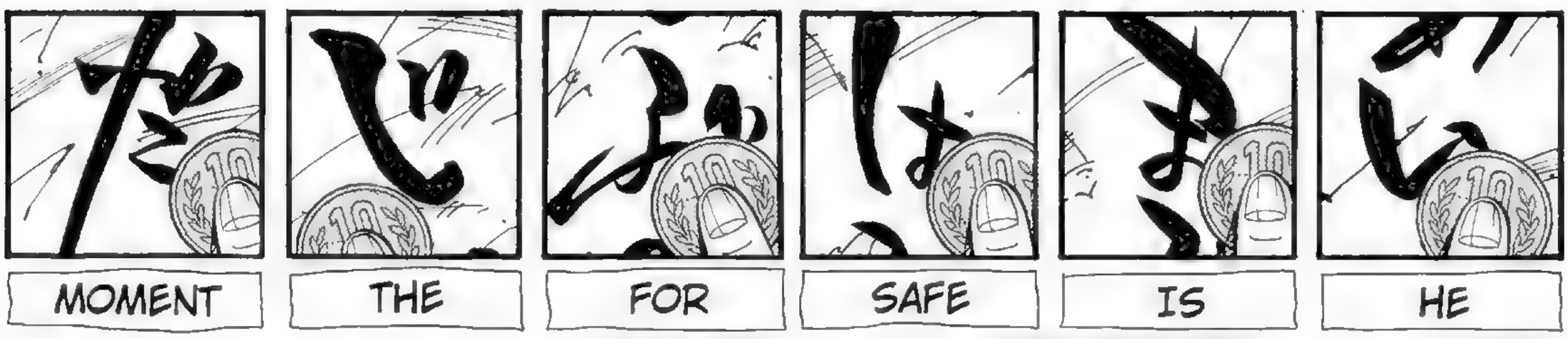
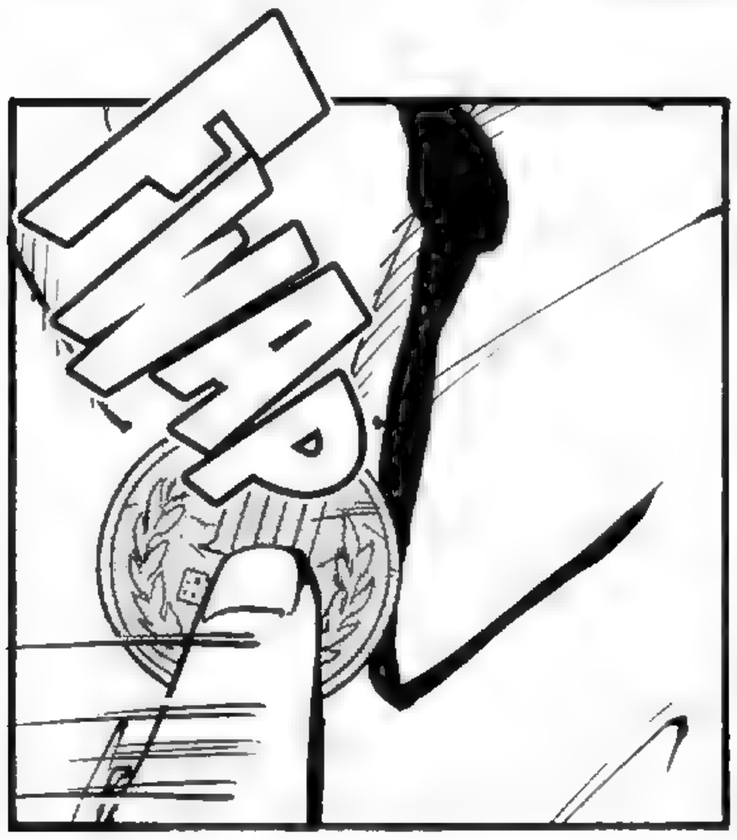

IT WAS MEAN TO SEND MASTER YOH TO THE CAVERN SO SOON AFTER HE GOT HOME.
IS HE SAFE? IS MASTER YOH STILL ALIVE...?

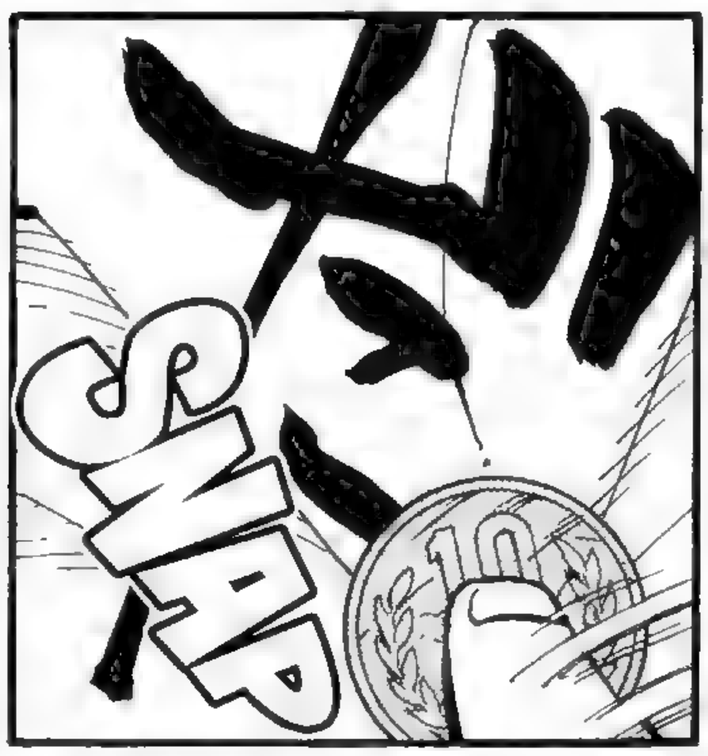
TELL ME, KOKKURI-SAMA.*

* KOKKURI = A FORM OF DIVINATION SIMILAR TO OUIJA BOARDS









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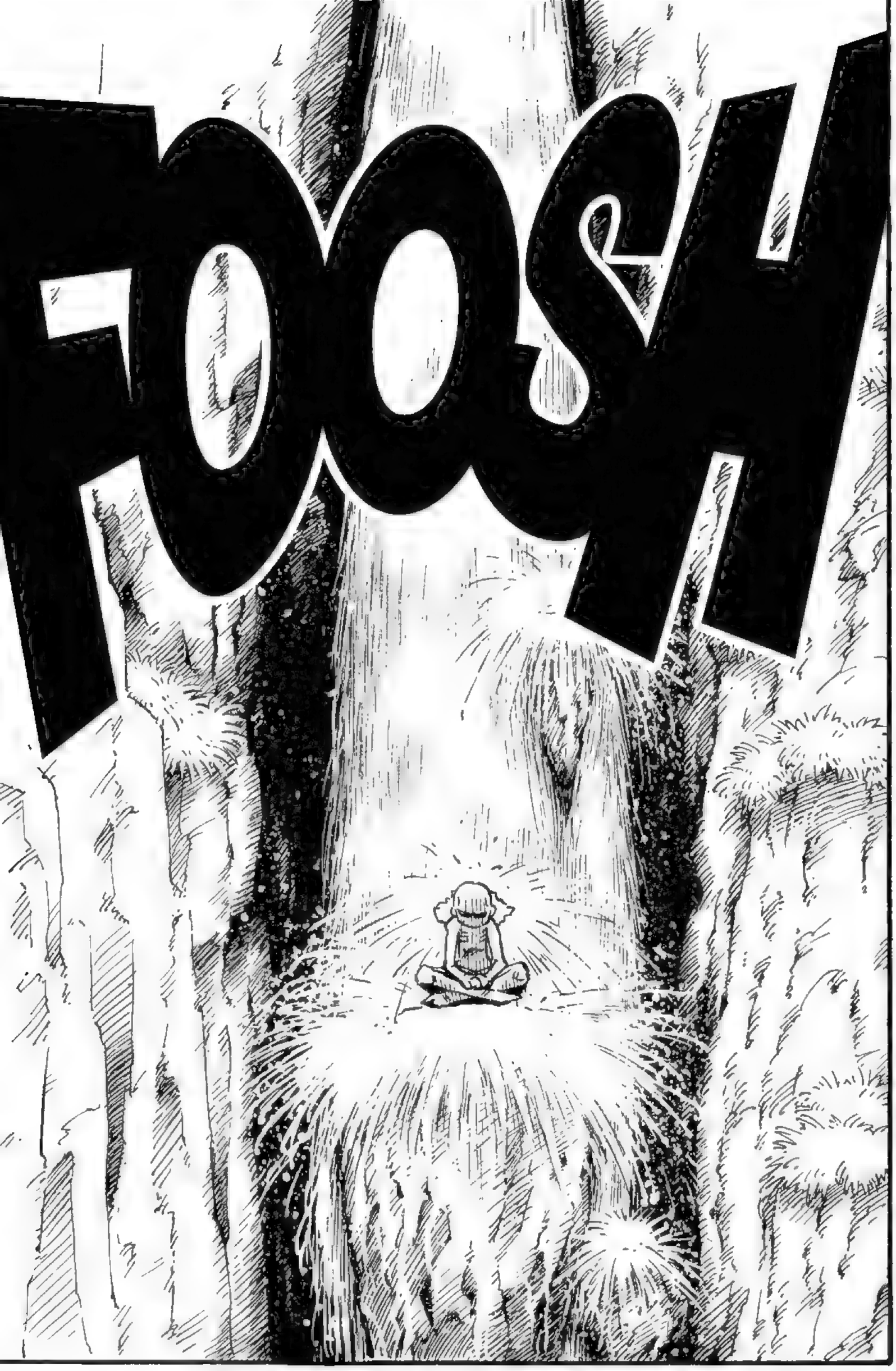

-OOSH!

HUH?

WHAT?

OH NO...!
I HAVE TO TELL MASTER YOHMEI...!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT...
APPRENTICE OF MY SON MIKIHISA...
I SEE.
A SMALL ONE AND A LONG ONE WHO COME FROM THE EAST WILL BRING CALAMITY TO YOH.

YOU WANT THOSE TWO TO STAY AWAY FROM YOH?

AND SO...?

...TAMAO, ASCETIC IN TRAINING.

NOD

BOP

YES

NO

WUP

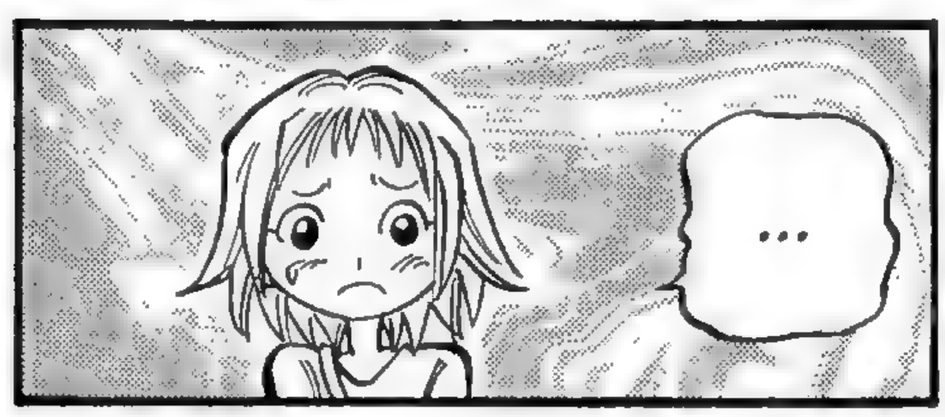
WUP

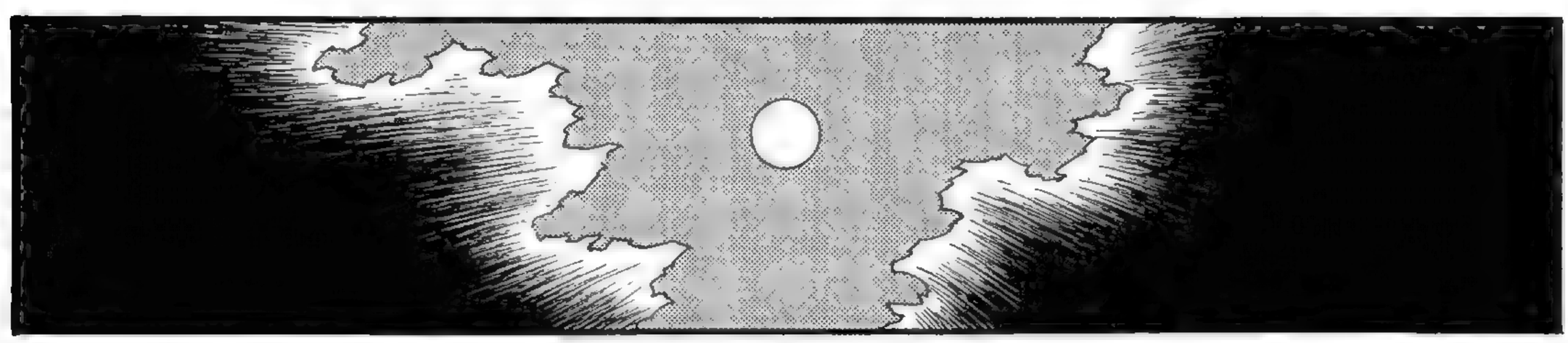
WUP

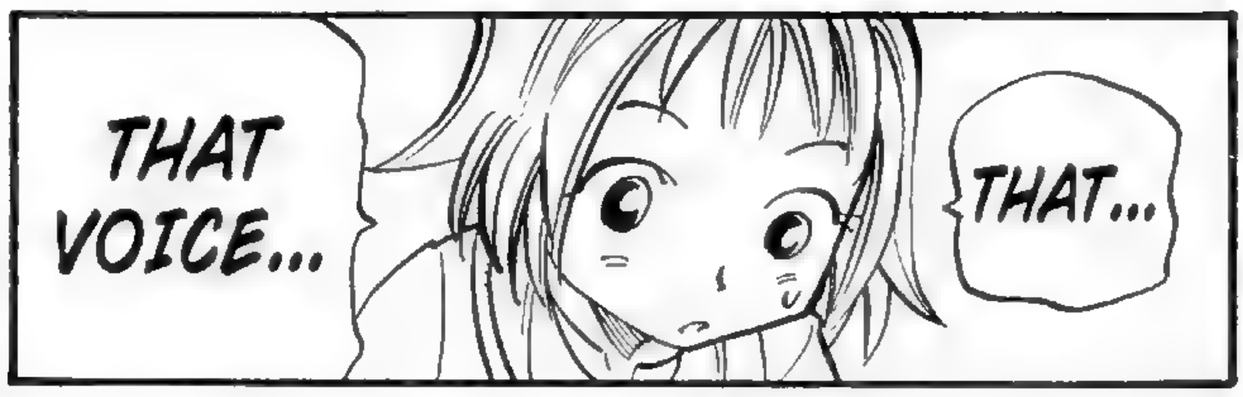
WHAT WAS THAT? "SINCE I'M IN SERVICE TO THE ASAKURAS, MASTER YOH IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME, SO I HAVE TO PROTECT HIM"...?

NOD

SWISH SWISH
BLUSH
WUP
WUP
WUP
I'M SORRY!
I KNOW YOU'RE VERY SHY, BUT IT'S TOO HARD TO READ.
YOUR DEVOTION TO YOH IS COMMENDABLE, BUT WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP TALKING WITH YOUR SKETCH-BOOK?
SPLOOSH
...



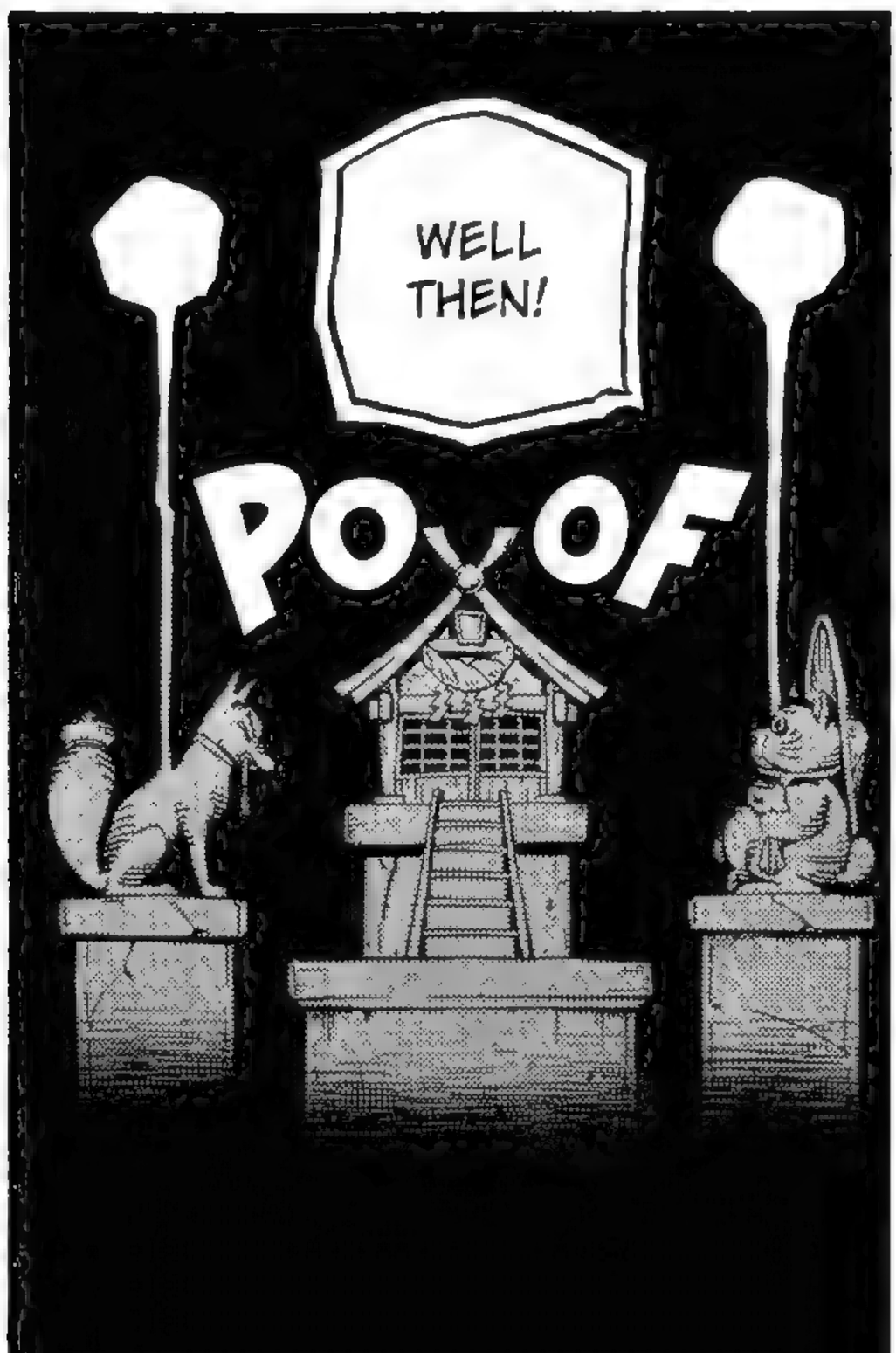



THAT VOICE...
THAT...

THE SMALL ONE AND THE LONG ONE WILL BRING CALAMITY.

YOU HAVE TO STOP THEM, OR YOUR DEAR MASTER YOH WILL...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
TAMAO...
!


WELL THEN!
POOF

I CARE ABOUT MASTER YOH...!
ANY-THING BUT THAT!
NO!

DON'T YOU...?

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO...

GRIP

GRIP

VREEV

CONCHI...

PONCHI...

OKAY... I'LL FIGHT.

米子道
YONAGO
久世 米子

I WON'T LET THEM SET FOOT ON THIS PROPERTY...!

SHAMAN KING

6

THAT'S THE SAN'IN COAST'S FAMOUS MT. DAISEN, HOME OF THE LOCAL MASCOT, THE CROW GOBLIN *TENGU*...

OOH!

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RMM RMM RMM

米子道 EXPWY 米子料金所 Yonago TOLLGATE

I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD TAKE SO LONG... TEN HOURS ON A MOTOR-CYCLE... UGH...!

BAREF

WE FINALLY... WE FINALLY MADE IT...

RMM RMM

YOU WON'T HAVE TO...

WE'VE COME THIS FAR, WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT SOMEHOW.

THAT'S GREAT.

WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE YOH LIVES.

WIP

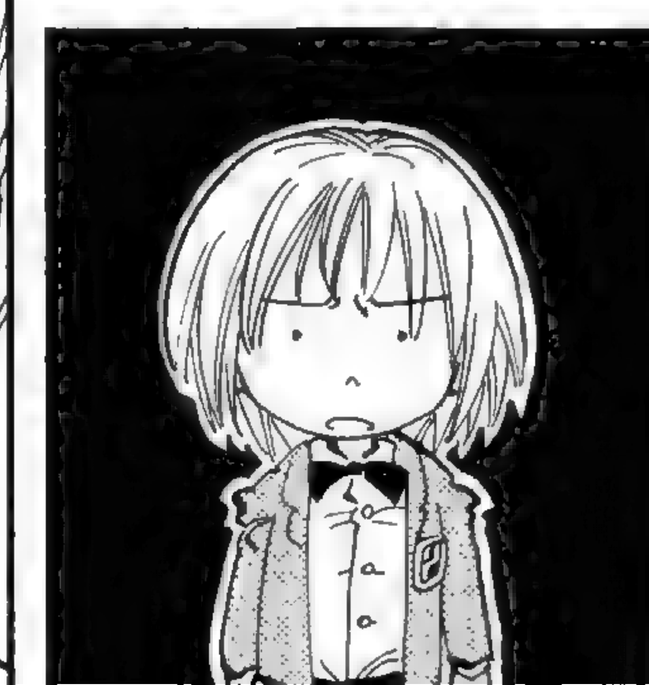
hen

THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM.

...
SKWIK
WHO'S THAT GIRL? WHY IS SHE LOOKING AT US?
HUH?

I WON'T LET YOU INTERFERE WITH MASTER YOH'S TRAINING...!

LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE.



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WHAT!?

YOU'RE CUTE! YOU WANNA GO OUT WITH ME?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? DO YOU KNOW HIM!?

BAM

"MASTER" YOH...?

I'M "WOODEN SWORD" RYU! MY HOBBY IS SEARCHING FOR MY HAPPY PLACE!

WHAT TRAINING!? IS YOH HERE IN IZUMO, TOO!?

STAY AWAY FROM ME!

NO!

HA

ZAM

EEK

UM...

EEK!

WONG

WONG

WHAT HAPPENED...!? RYU'S POMPADOUR NUB FELL OFF...!
NO...!
...!!
PLOP
AND ONE OF THEM CLANGED RYU'S BELLS!
THOSE TWO WEIRD ANIMALS CUT IT OFF...!
BLING
IF YOU TOUCH TAMAO, YOU'LL ANSWER TO US.
HEH HEH! GET LOST, POMPA-DORK!

THE SPIRIT ALLIES OF TAMAO, APPRENTICE ASCETIC AND KOKKURI MASTER!!

WE'RE PONCHI AND CONCHI!

PA-DA

SNIFF...!

THROB

TAMA...

KOK-KURI MAS-TER...?

K-

A KOKKURI MASTER IS A KIND OF SHAMAN, SEE?

"KOKKURI" IS DERIVED FROM THE KANJI FOR FOX (KO), TENGU (KU), AND TANUKI (RI). THAT'S WHERE WE GET OUR POWERS!

AH HA HA HA HA!

RYU!!

B-BEWARE THE KOKKURI MASTER ...TA-MAGO...

MY NAME IS TAMAO! "TAMAGO" MEANS "EGG"...!

TUMBLE

AND WE'LL PUT THE WHAMMY ON ANYONE WHO INTER-FERES!!

WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT TAMAO!

BOOM

YOU GUYS TALK PRETTY BIG FOR A BUNCH OF TALKING ANIMALS...!

WHAM-MY...!?

THEY'RE SO EMBAR-RASSING...

WAH HA HA! ATTA BOY, PONCHI! GIVE HIM THE "BELLY-BUSTER"!!

WAAH! WHAT THE--!? HOW'D YOU--?!

PUNK! WHAT'S BIG IS MY BELLY! FEEL ITS POWER!

SKWOOSH

DOOOOM

CALAM-ITY...!?

YOU'RE THE CALAMITY, IDIOT!

WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS!?

GACK-GACK GACK

URGG...! MERCY! MERCY!

IT'S SO HOT AND STINKY! AND THE HAIR!

I DON'T BELIEVE IN YOUR SHADY FORTUNE-TELLING!

THAT'S CRAP!

DIVINA-TION!?

THAT'S WHAT OUR DIVINATION TOLD US! YOU'LL CAUSE A CALAMITY FOR YOH!

SO YOU GOTTA STAY AWAY FROM HIM!

SO, SO EMBARRAS-SING...!!

blush

GAACK! STOP! STOP, YOU FREAKS!

PLOOSH

WHO'RE YOU CALLING SHADY? SUCK FIRE HOSE!

WHY DO THESE THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME!?

FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

GRR

NOW GO AWAY...!

I CAN'T LET YOU NEAR MASTER YOH.

SEE?

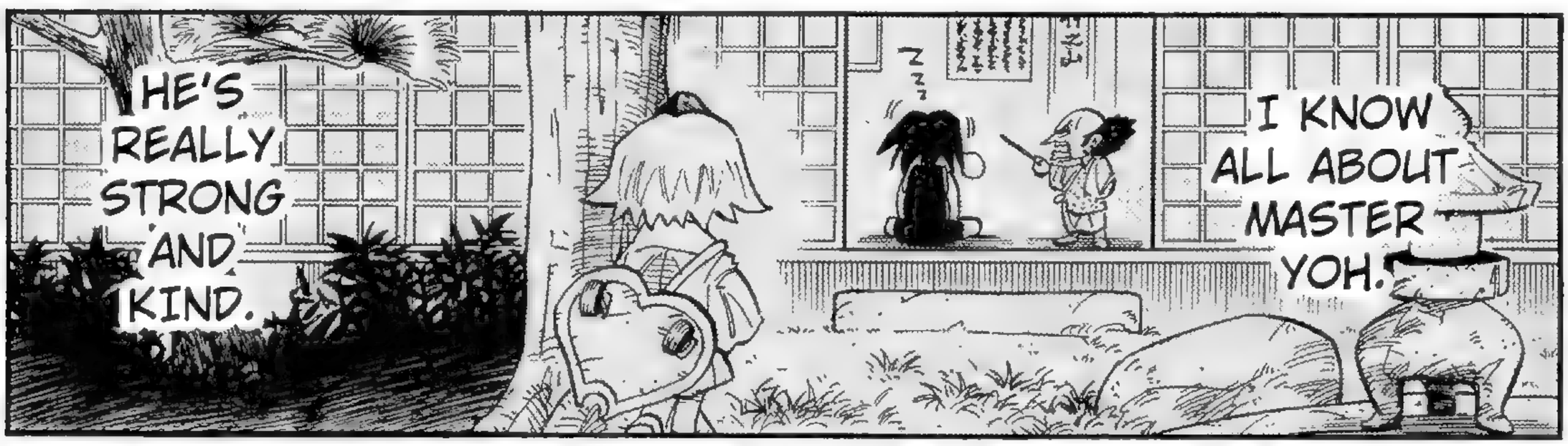
IT'S HOPE-LESS.

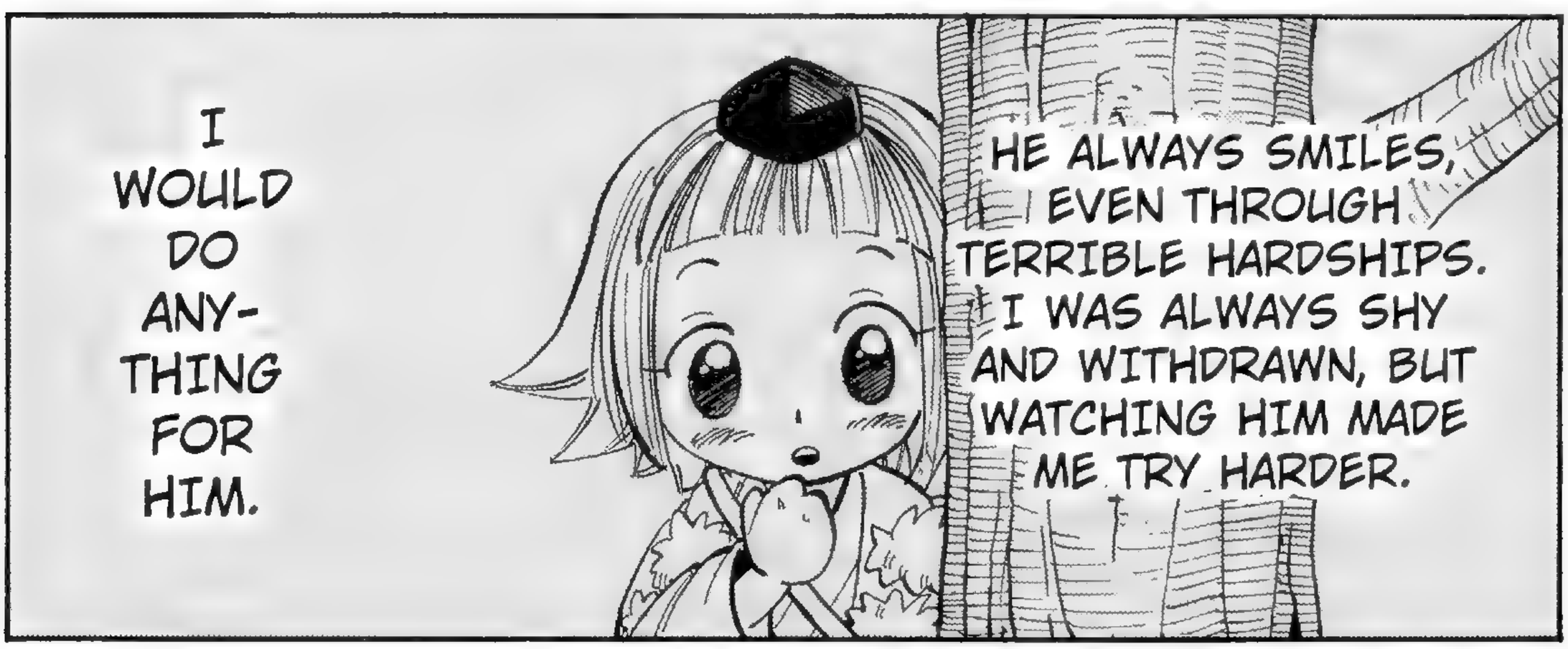
!

HOW DO YOU KNOW HIM!?

WHO ARE YOU!? WHY DO YOU KEEP CALLING HIM "MASTER" YOH...!?

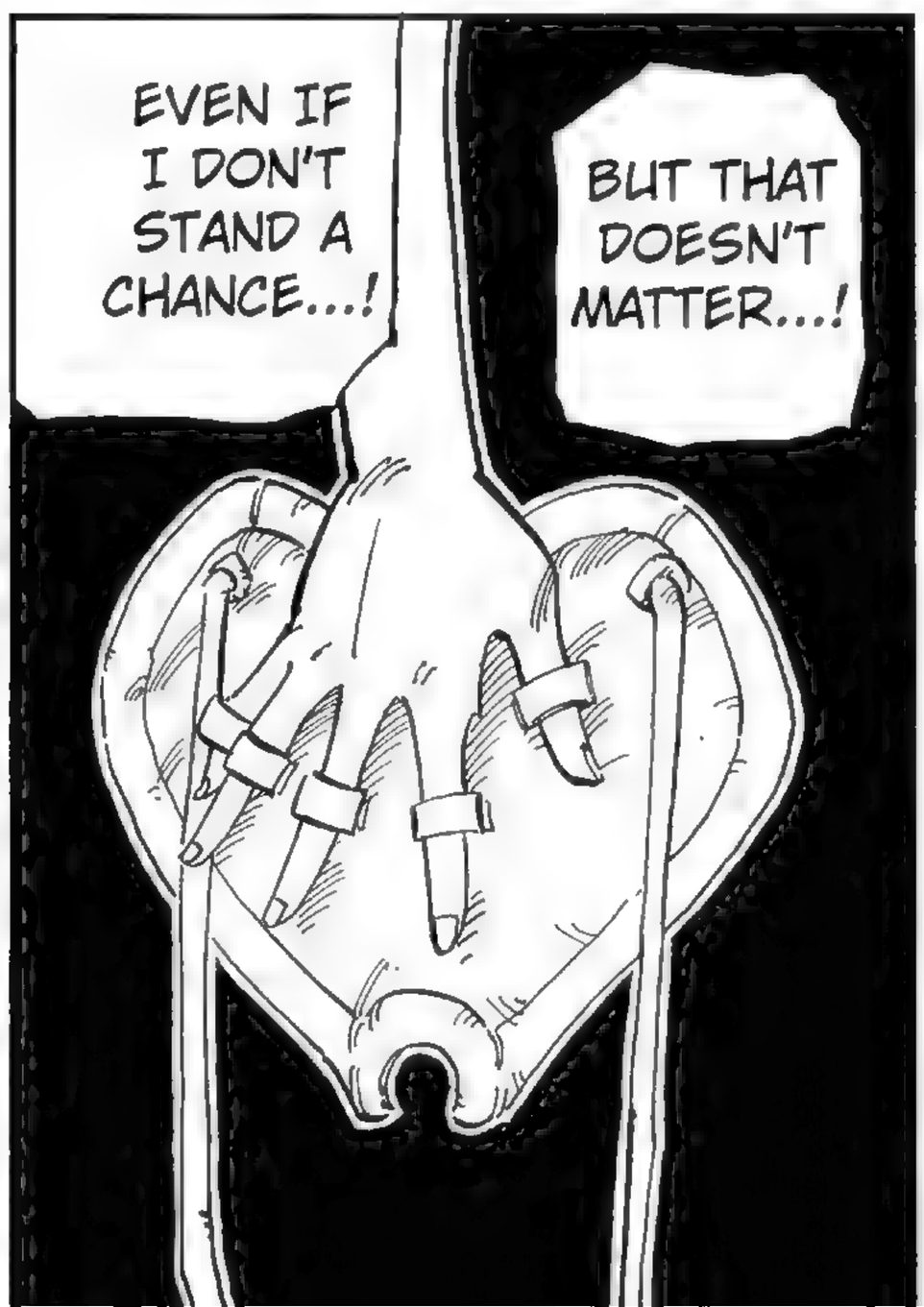
UNH!

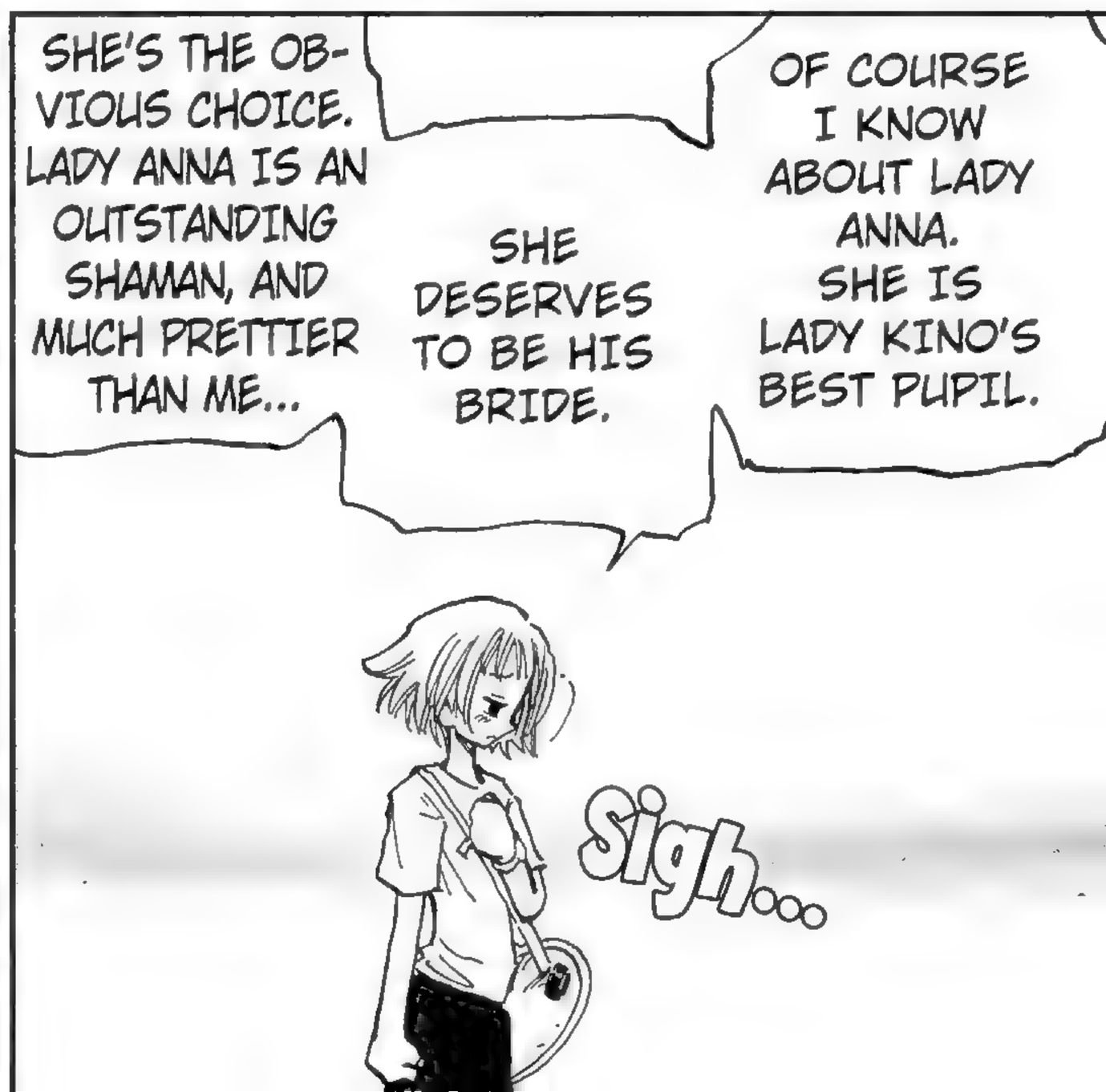




I LOVE MASTER YOH.

BECAUSE...

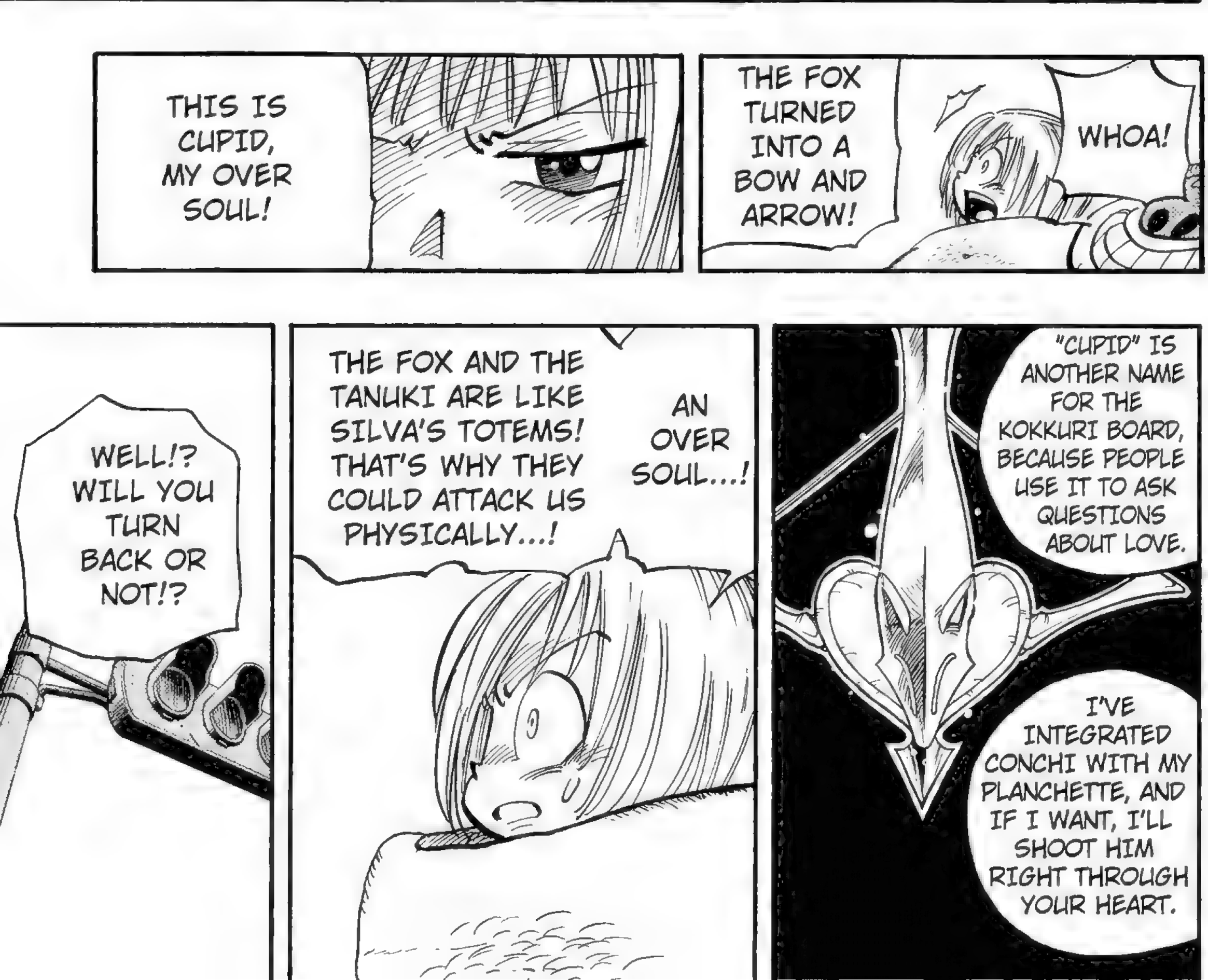


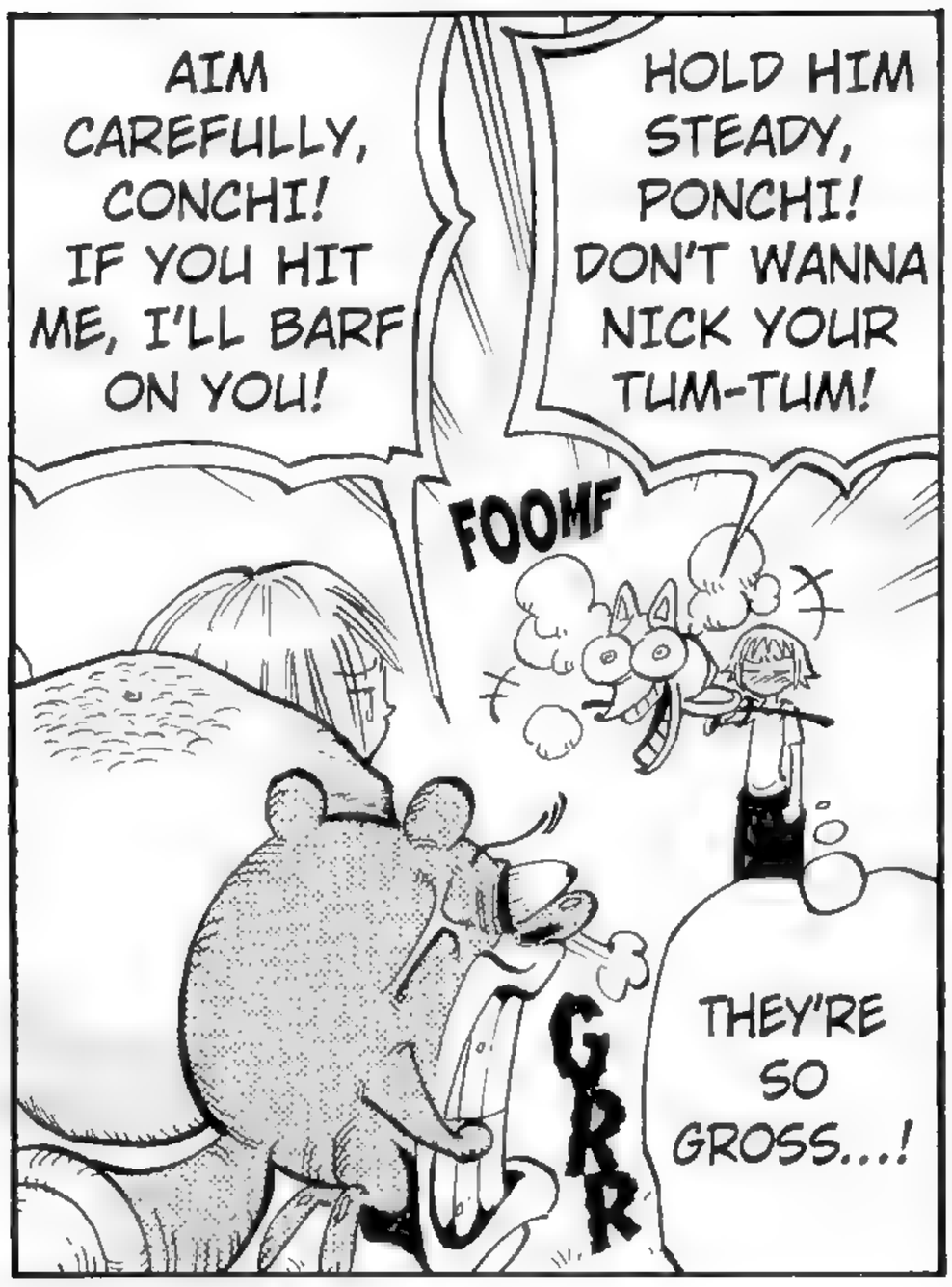


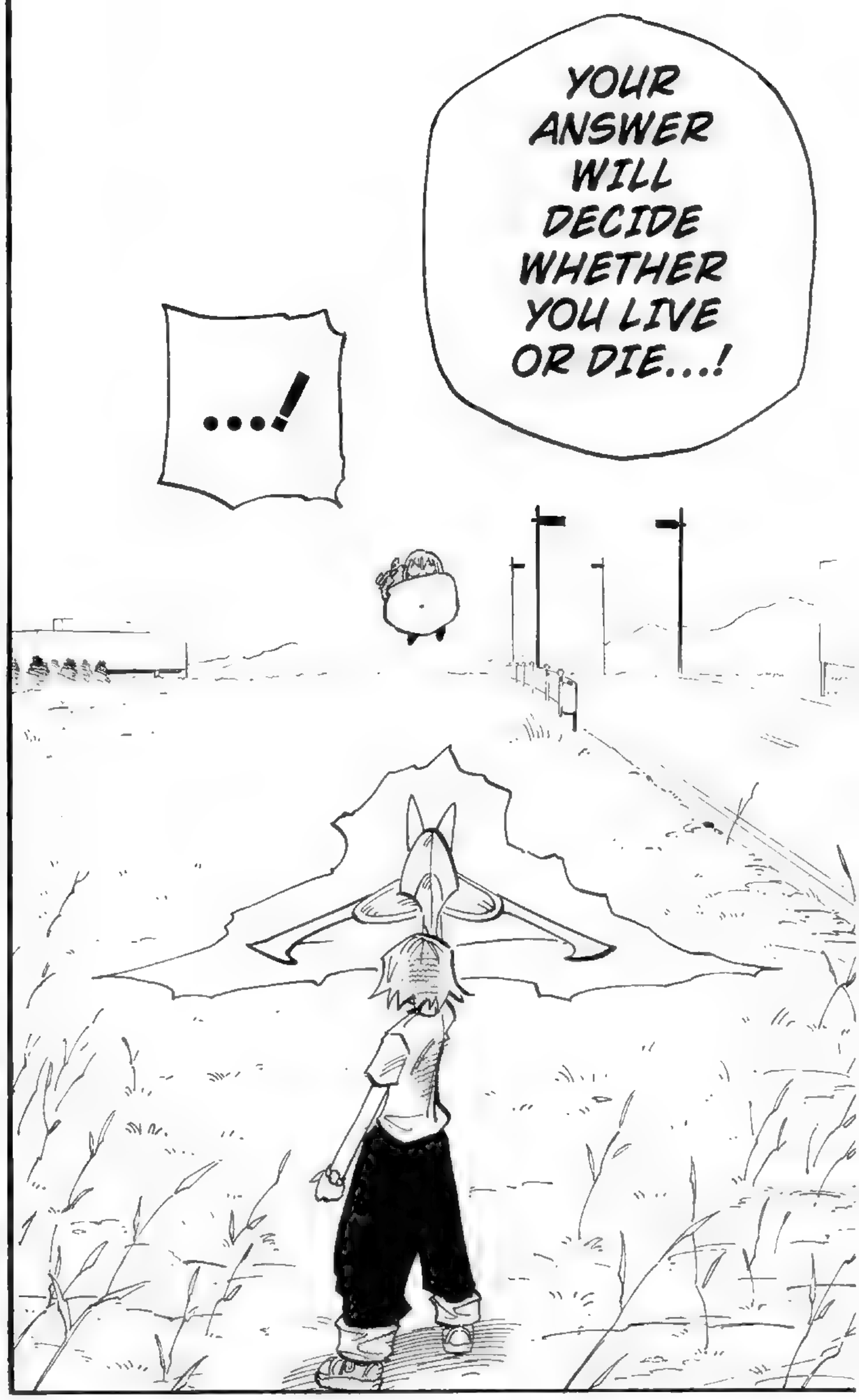
I CARE AS MUCH ABOUT HIM AS ANYONE...!

THAT DOESN'T LESSEN MY LOVE FOR YOH.

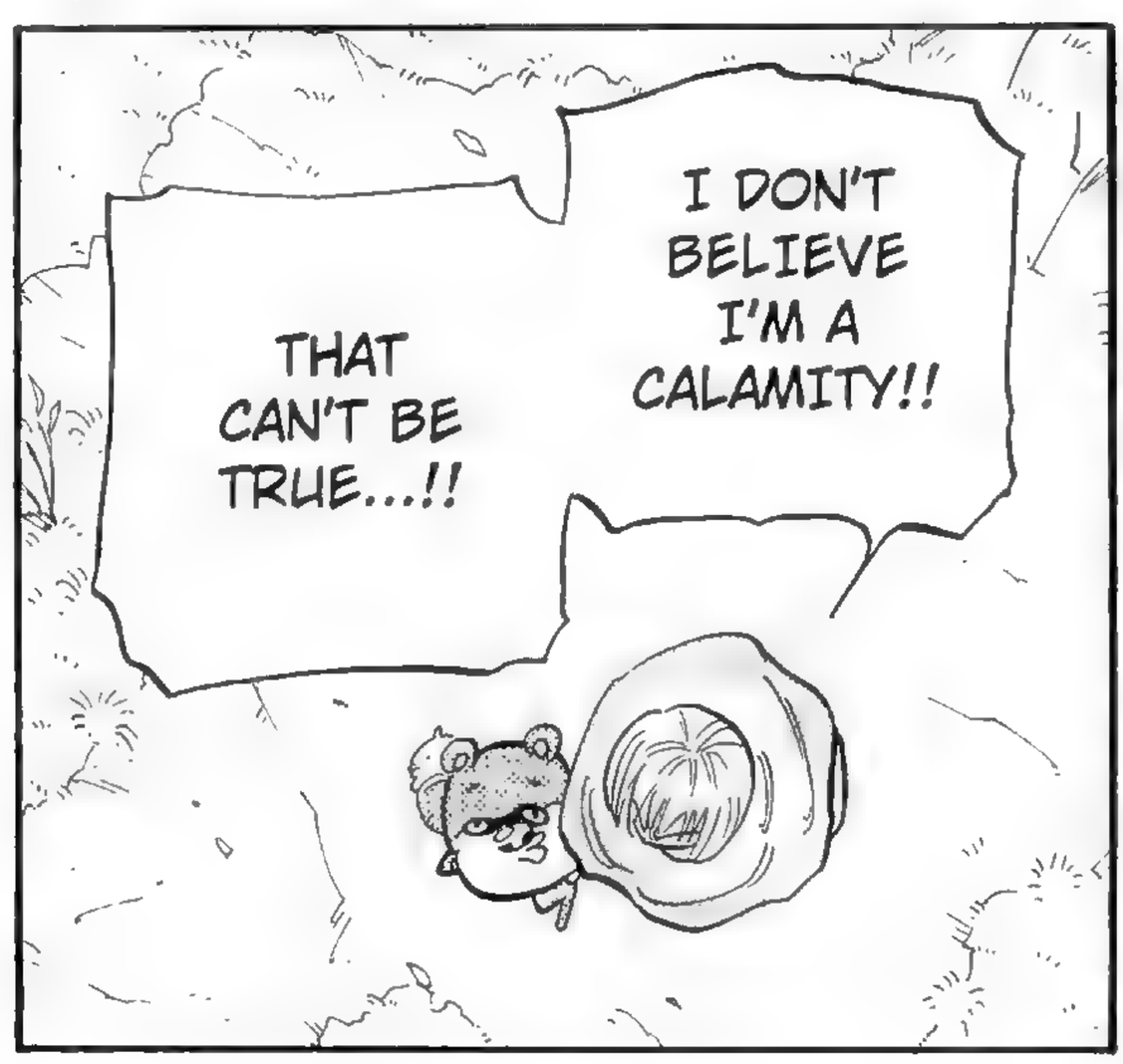
FOOL ME




AIM CAREFULLY, CONCHI! IF YOU HIT ME, I'LL BARF ON YOU!
HOLD HIM STEADY, PONCHI! DON'T WANNA NICK YOUR TUM-TUM!
FOOMF
GRR
THEY'RE SO GROSS...!


YOUR ANSWER WILL DECIDE WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE...!
...!

NOW, DON'T YOU BITE.
DARN IT! LEMME GO!!
WIGGLE WIGGLE
I'D RATHER DIE!!


THAT CAN'T BE TRUE...!!
I DON'T BELIEVE I'M A CALAMITY!!

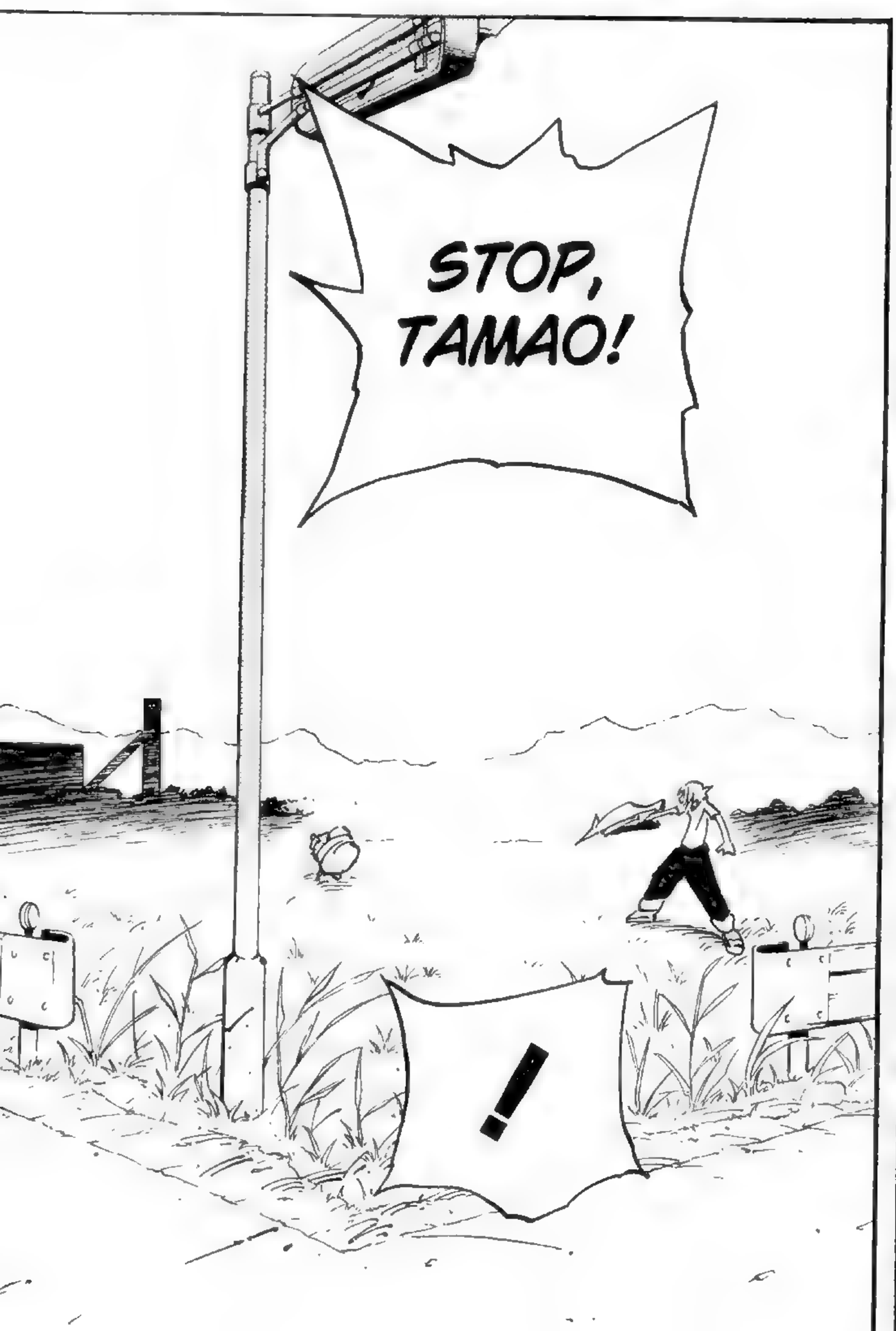
UNH...

WILL YOU TURN BACK OR NOT...!?
WELL...!?

NOW I KNOW HE'S HERE, AND I'M GOING TO SEE HIM!!

I WON'T TURN BACK!

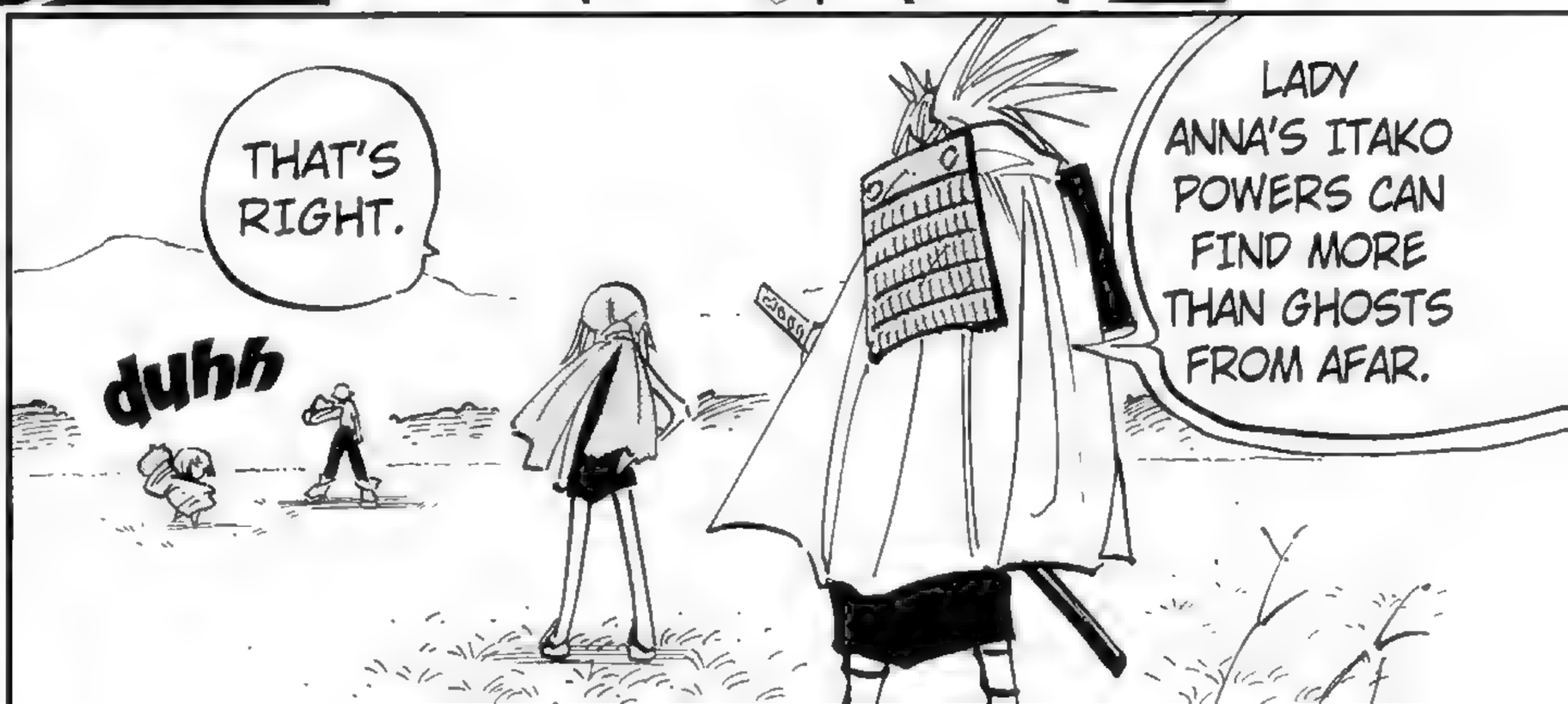
I CAME ALL THIS WAY BECAUSE I WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOH.



AND AMIDA-MARU...!?

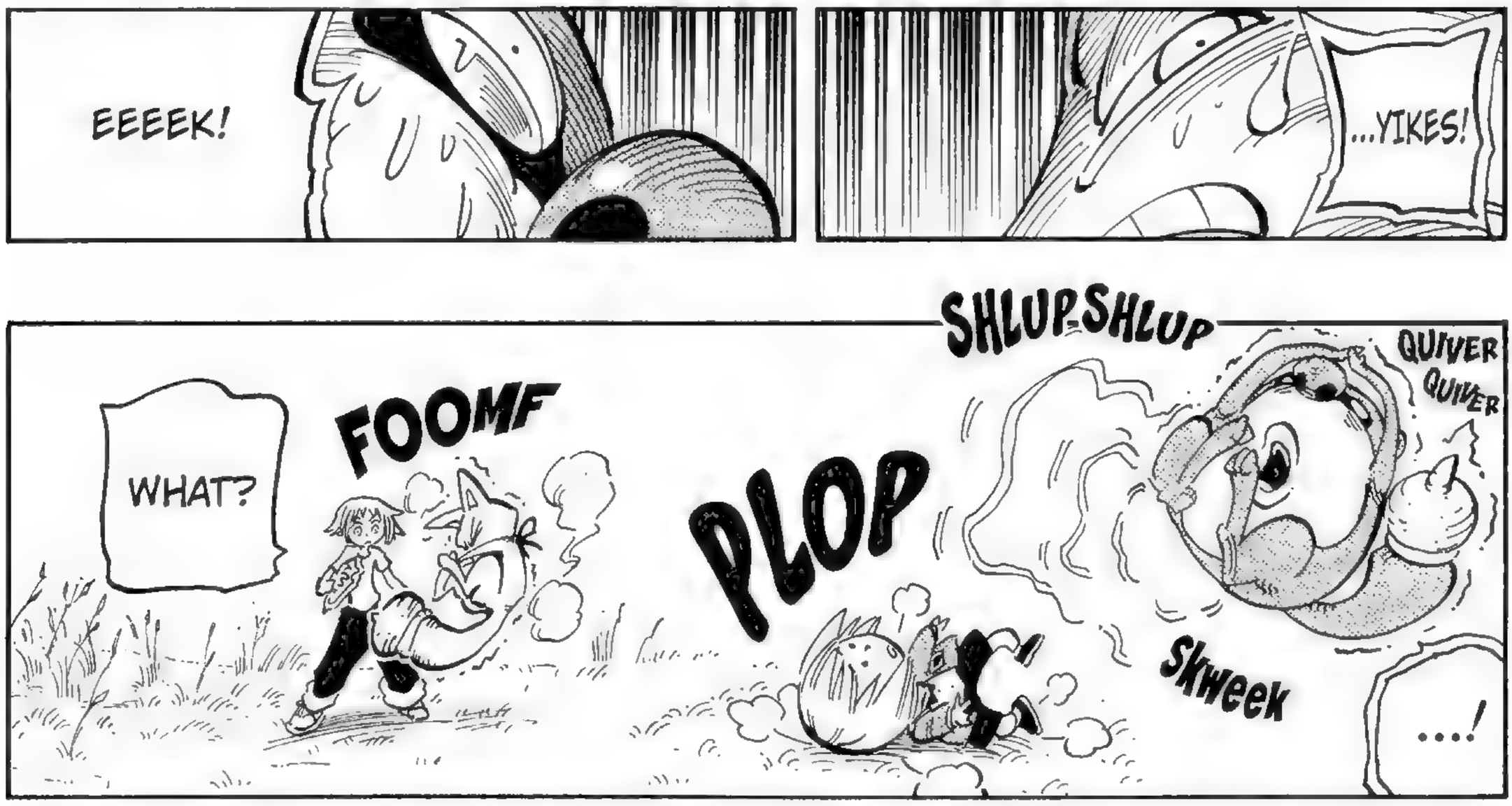
LADY ANNA...!!

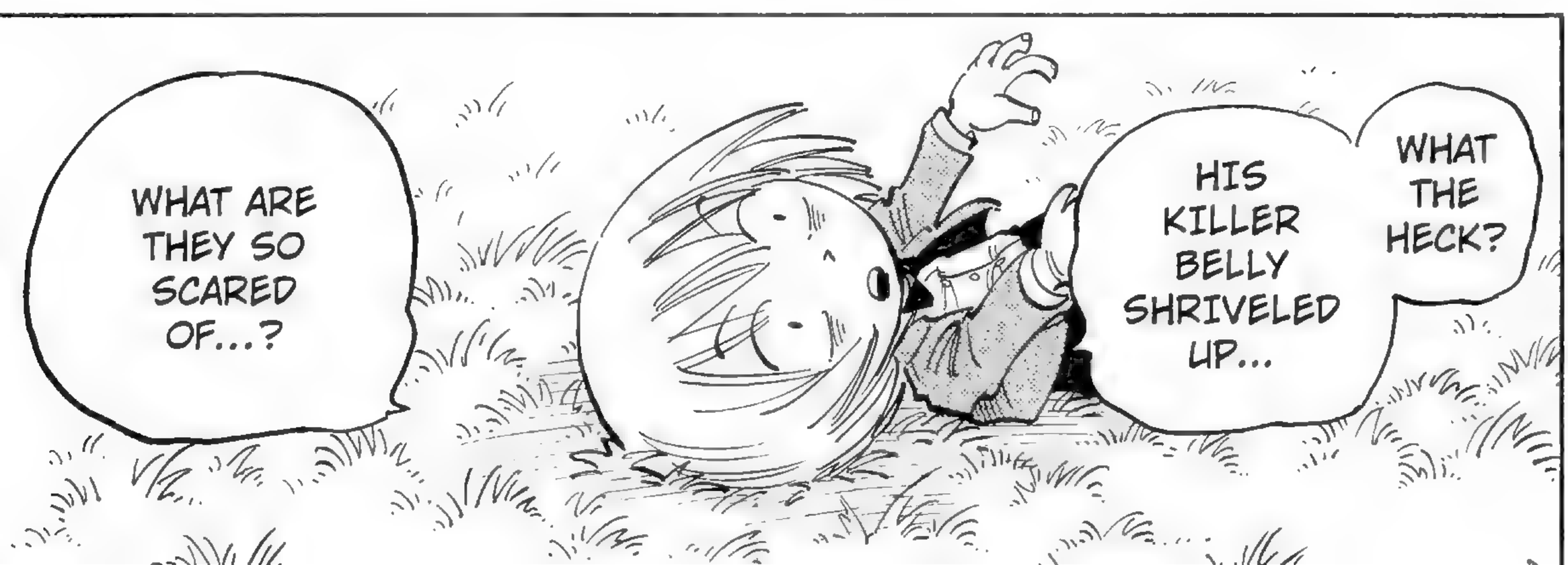
TH-DOOW



YOU DIRTY LITTLE CREEPS!

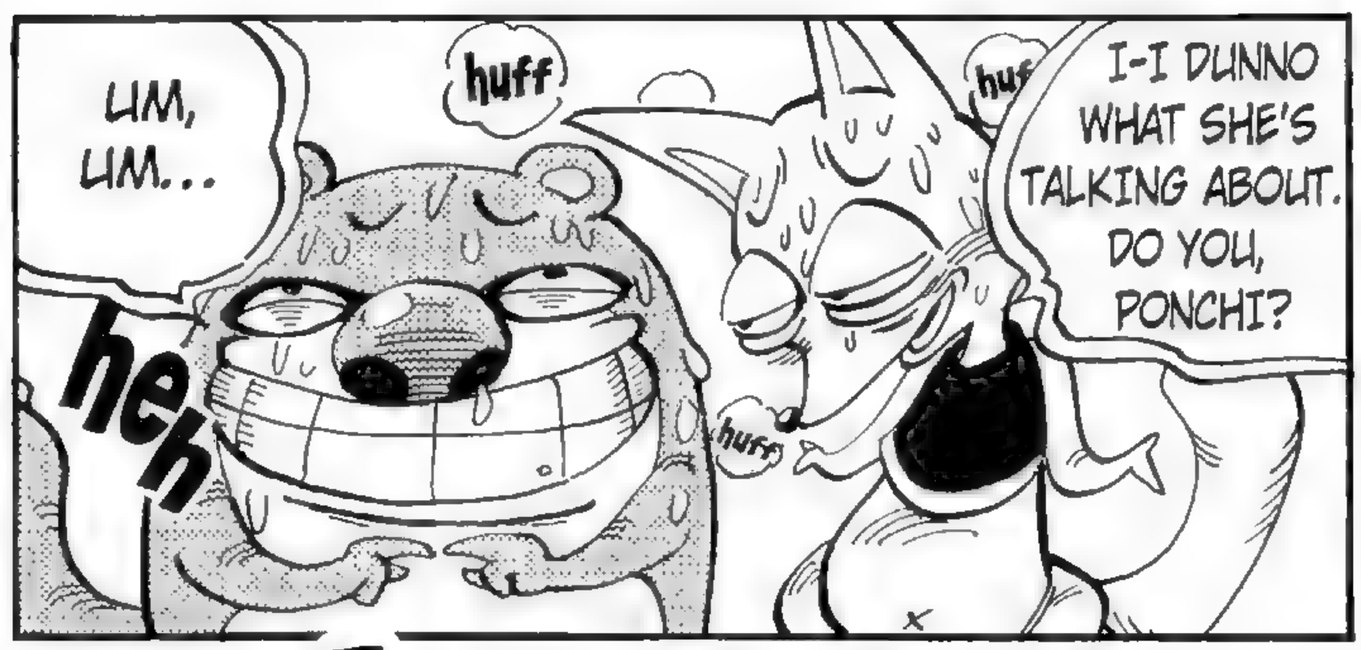
ENOUGH OF YOUR ANTICS!





DON'T YOU THINK YOU OWE THEM AN APOLOGY?
OKAY, YOU TWO...

APOLOGY?


UM, UM...
huff
huff
huff
heh
I-I DUNNO WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT. DO YOU, PONCHI?

BLOINK

SQU
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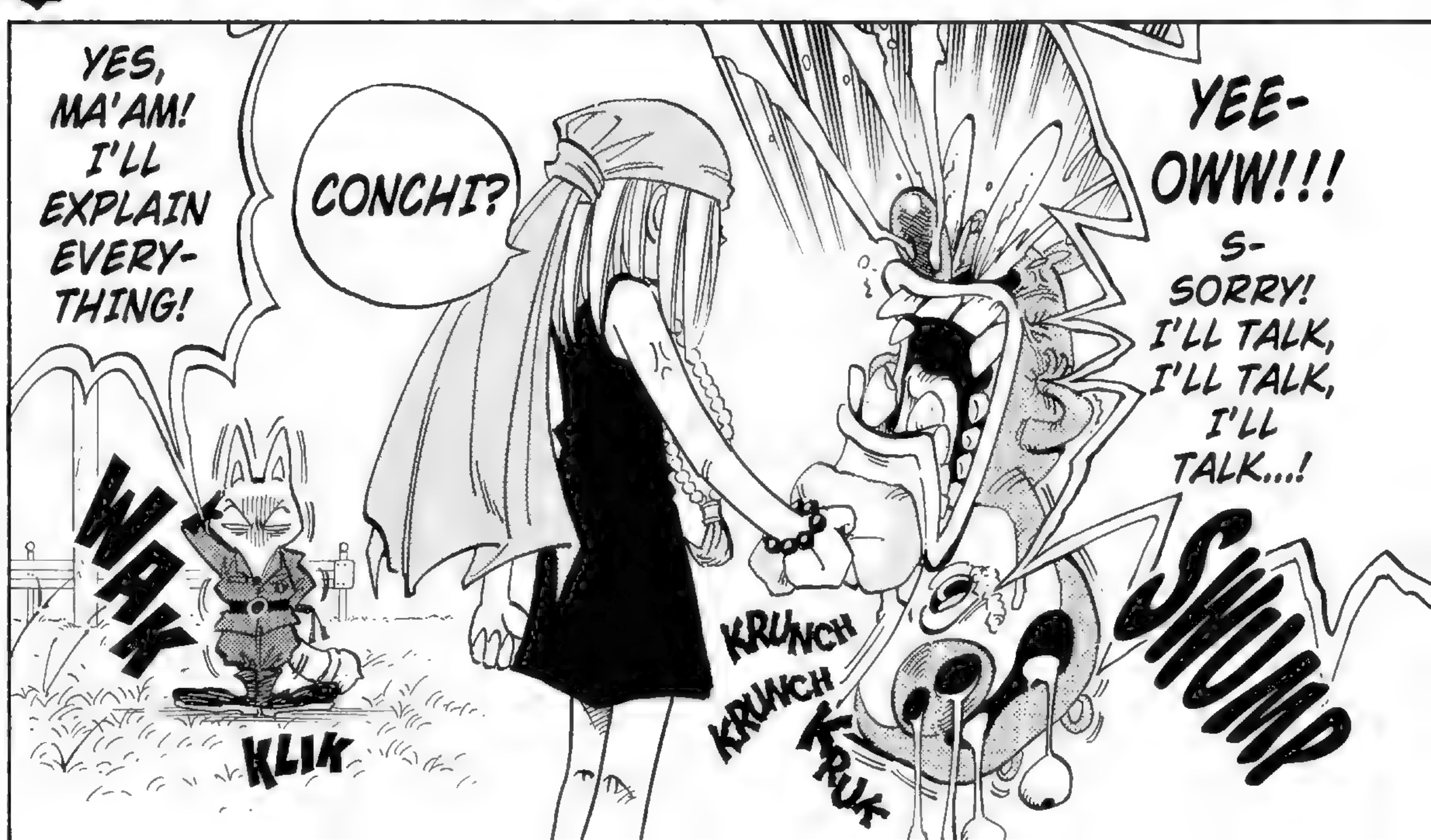
SO YOU WANNA PLAY DUMB.


YES, MA'AM! I'LL EXPLAIN EVERY-THING!
CONCHI?
YEE-OWW!!!
S-SORRY! I'LL TALK, I'LL TALK, I'LL TALK...!
WAK
KLIK
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUK
SHUMP

PONCHI WAS BORED, HE NEEDED EXERCISE. WE JUST WANTED TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE, YOU KNOW?

eh heh heh

WE JUST WANTED TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THAT'S ALL

IT WAS ALL A LIE!?

I MESSED UP AGAIN...

NO WONDER EVERYONE THINKS I'M A NOVICE.

HOW COULD YOU...?

I ALMOST DIED...

YOU TRIED REAL HARD.

THANKS...

OH, NO! SHE'LL KILL ME FOR SURE...!

WHAT, LADY ANNA!?

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR MONTHS, TAMAO.

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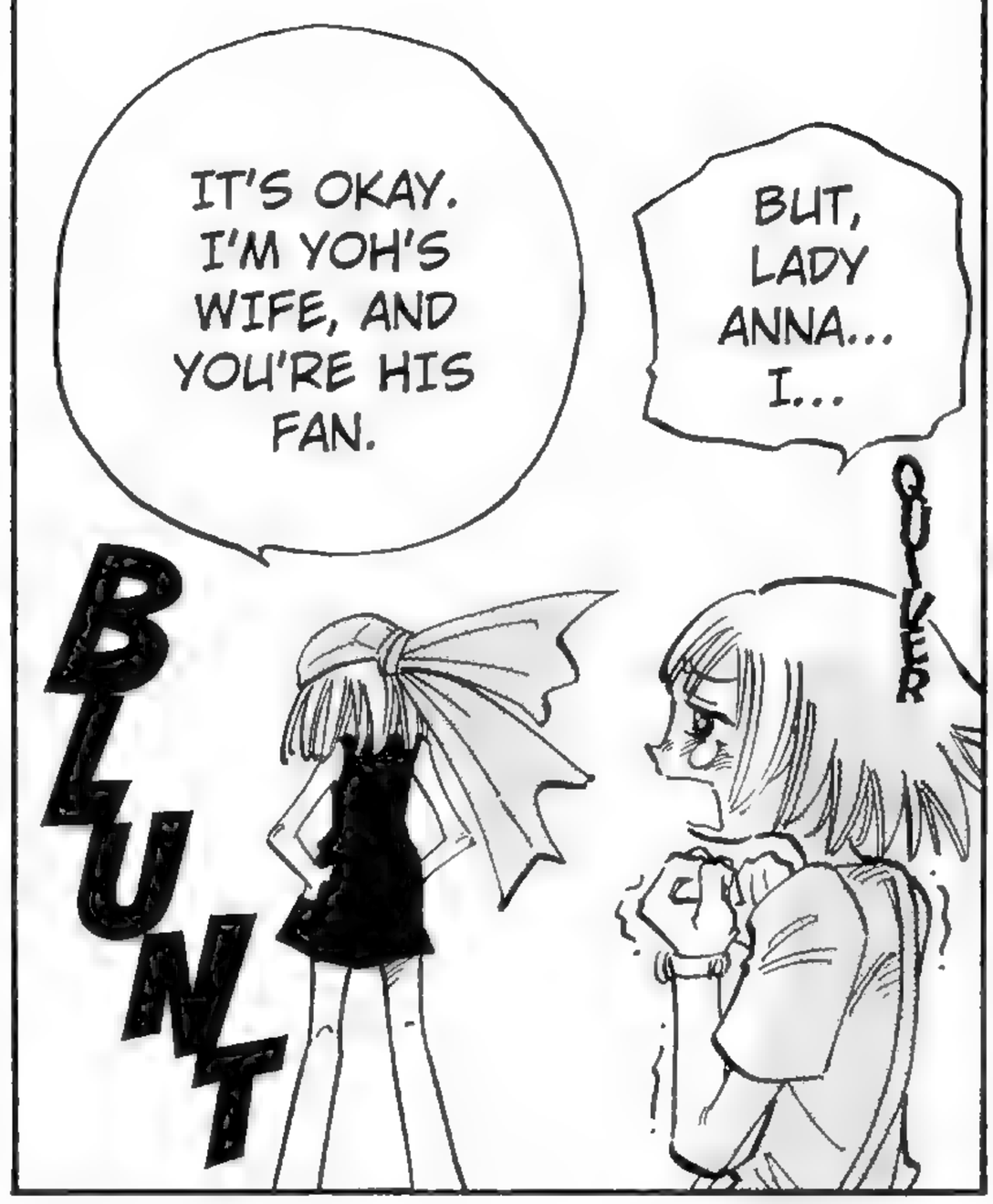
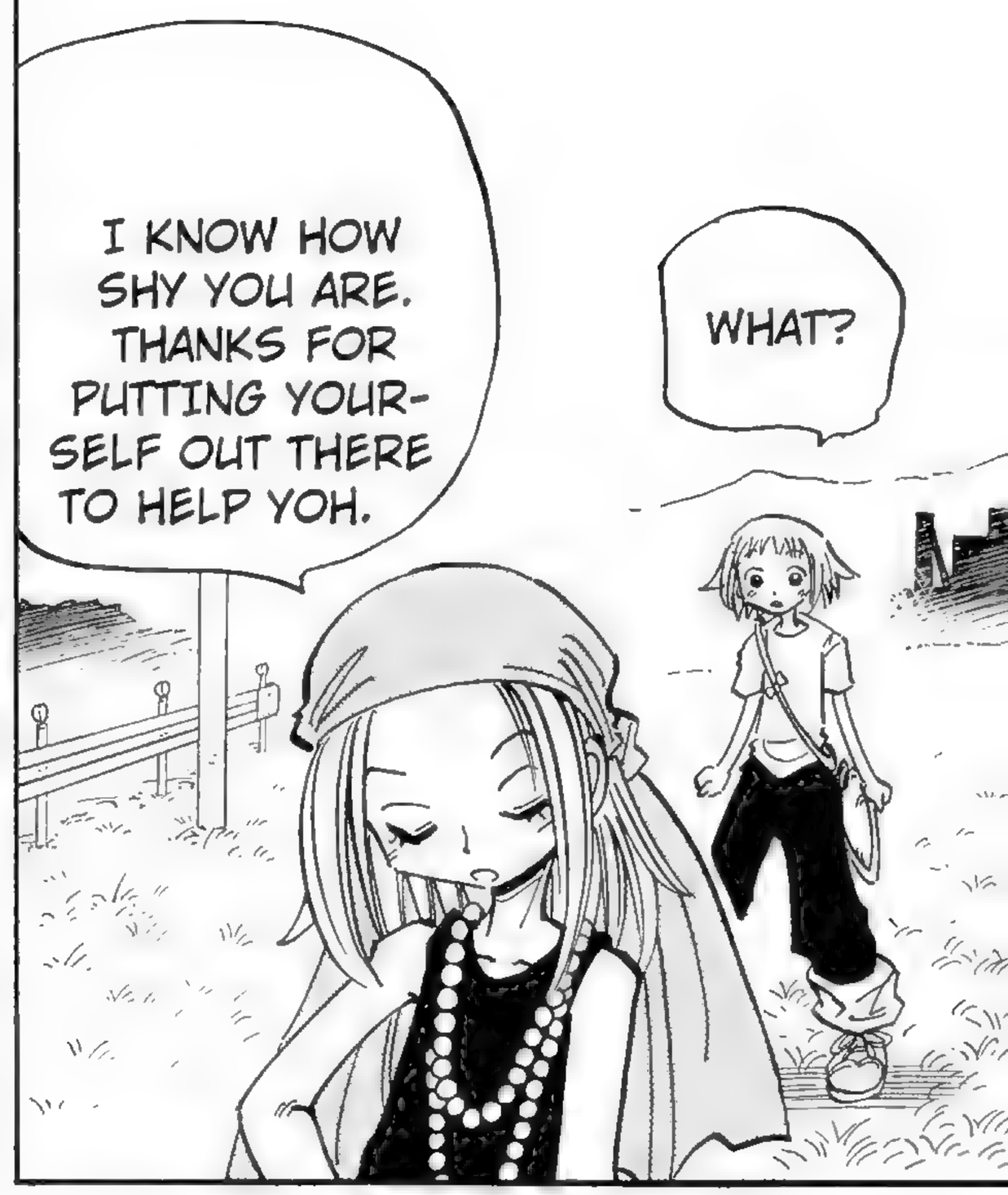

IT'S OKAY. I'M YOH'S WIFE, AND YOU'RE HIS FAN.
BUT, LADY ANNA... I...
BLUNT
QUICKER


I KNOW HOW SHY YOU ARE. THANKS FOR PUTTING YOURSELF OUT THERE TO HELP YOH.
WHAT?

LORD YOH'S MARRIED LIFE WILL BE AN INTERESTING ONE.
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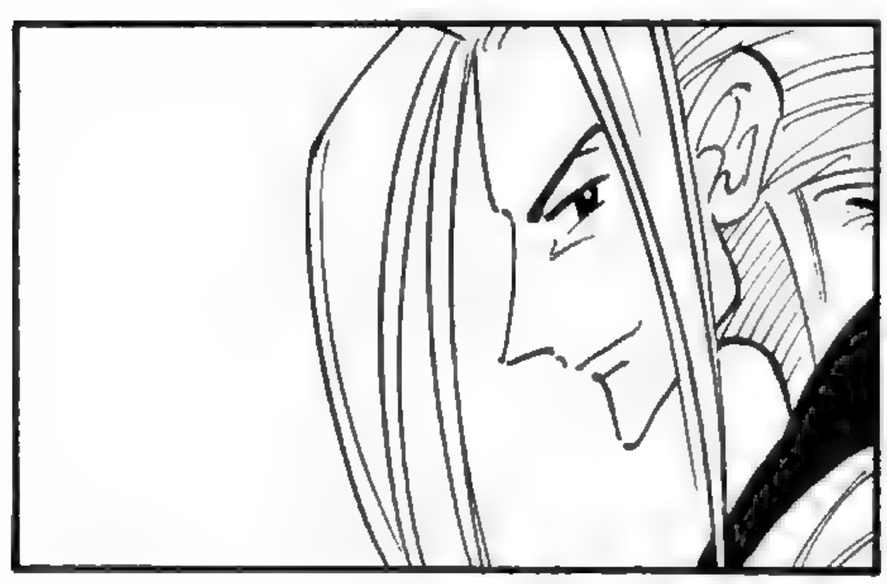
OUCH!
POOR TAMAO!
ANNA'S ALWAYS SO MEAN!

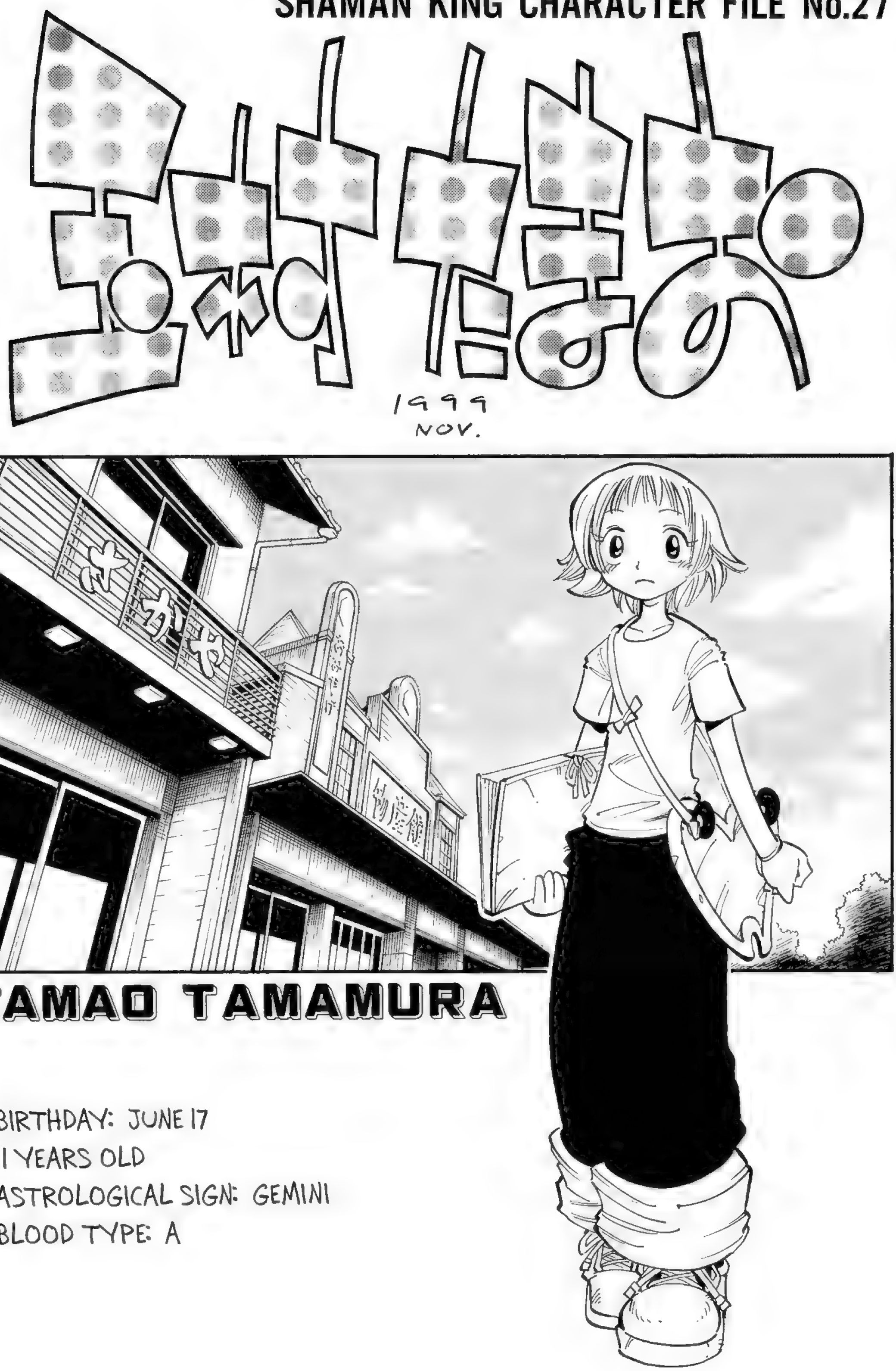


WAIT, AMIDAMARU...!
WHY DID YOH WANT YOU TO LOOK AFTER ME!? I THOUGHT...

WELL, WE'D BETTER GET GOING.
LADY ANNA...

WE'RE GOING TO GO WELCOME YOH BACK.
GOING...?
HE'S BEEN TRAINING IN A CAVERN FOR SEVEN DAYS.
NOW'S WHEN WE SEE HOW HE CHANGED.
HWOOO

SHAMAN KING CHARACTER FILE No.27



TAMAO TAMAMURA

BIRTHDAY: JUNE 17
11 YEARS OLD
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: GEMINI
BLOOD TYPE: A

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WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY...?

ANNA, WAIT.

I SAID WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME YOH BACK.

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?

YOU CAN DIVINE IT WITH YOUR KOKKURI BOARD...!

heh

YOH...!

WE DON'T KNOW HOW MASTER YOH IS DOING IN THE CAVERN, OR WHEN HE'S COMING OUT...

BUT...!

THAT'S WHY I CAME TO YOU.

YES, MA'AM!

GET TO IT, YOU FURRY FREAKS! LOCATE YOH!

BOOM

eeeP

YOU WANT ME... TO DIVINE IT?

Oh...!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOH RIGHT NOW!?

W-WAIT A MINUTE!

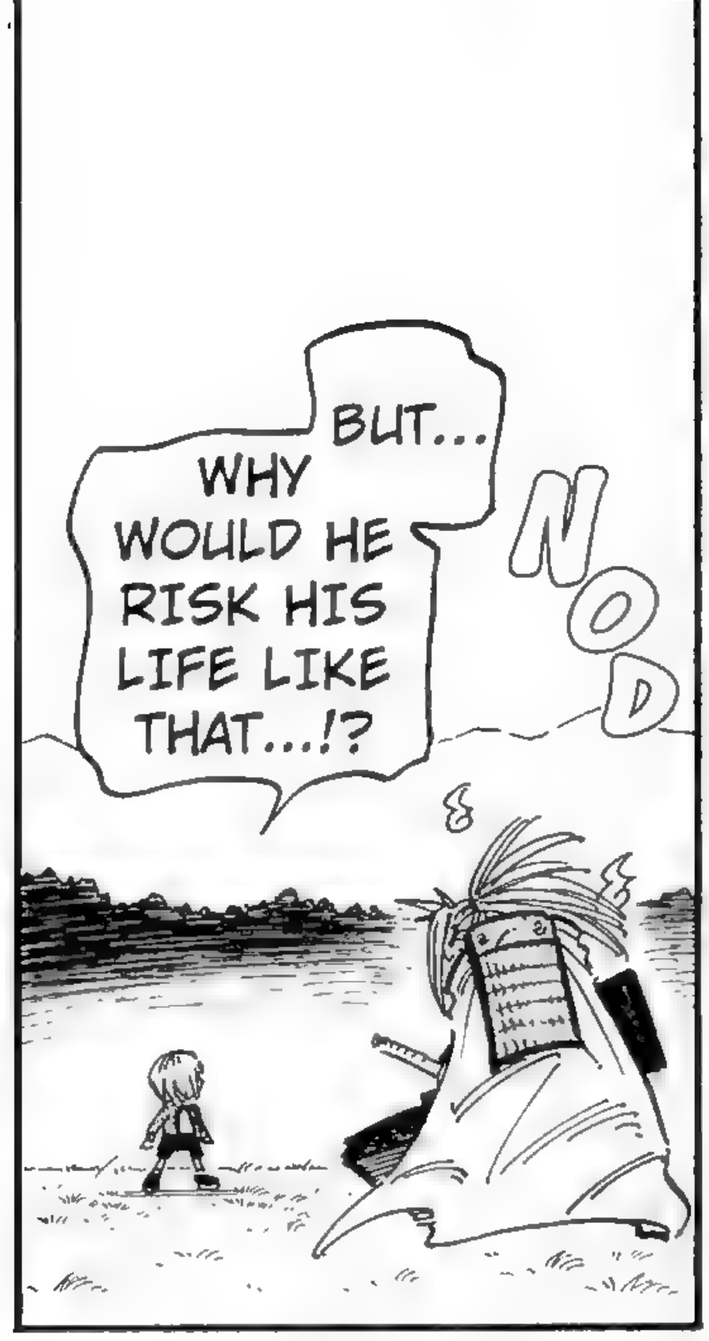
I'M A LITTLE LOST HERE!

WHAT!?

SATCH

...!

I SHALL EXPLAIN, LORD MANTA.


BUT... WHY WOULD HE RISK HIS LIFE LIKE THAT...!?
NOD

TO INCREASE HIS MANA!?
YOH HAS BEEN IN A CAVE FOR SEVEN DAYS AND NIGHTS WITHOUT FOOD!?
Nah

BUT...!!

BUT...

BECAUSE HE IS DE-TERMINED TO BE THE SHAMAN KING.

LORD MANTA! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

I CAN'T LET HIM KILL HIMSELF!!
TO SAVE YOH, OF COURSE!!

!!
WHOOM
WAAH!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THE CAVERN IS.

WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?

KOFF KOFF

ACK!

CHANK

HOLD ON.

THIS IS YOH'S ONE CHANCE TO GET STRONGER.

AND I WON'T LET YOU STOP HIM.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE WHAT COULD HAPPEN!

CHANCE...?

THE DARKNESS HAS THE POWER TO AWAKEN THE DORMANT NEGATIVE PART OF THE HUMAN SOUL.

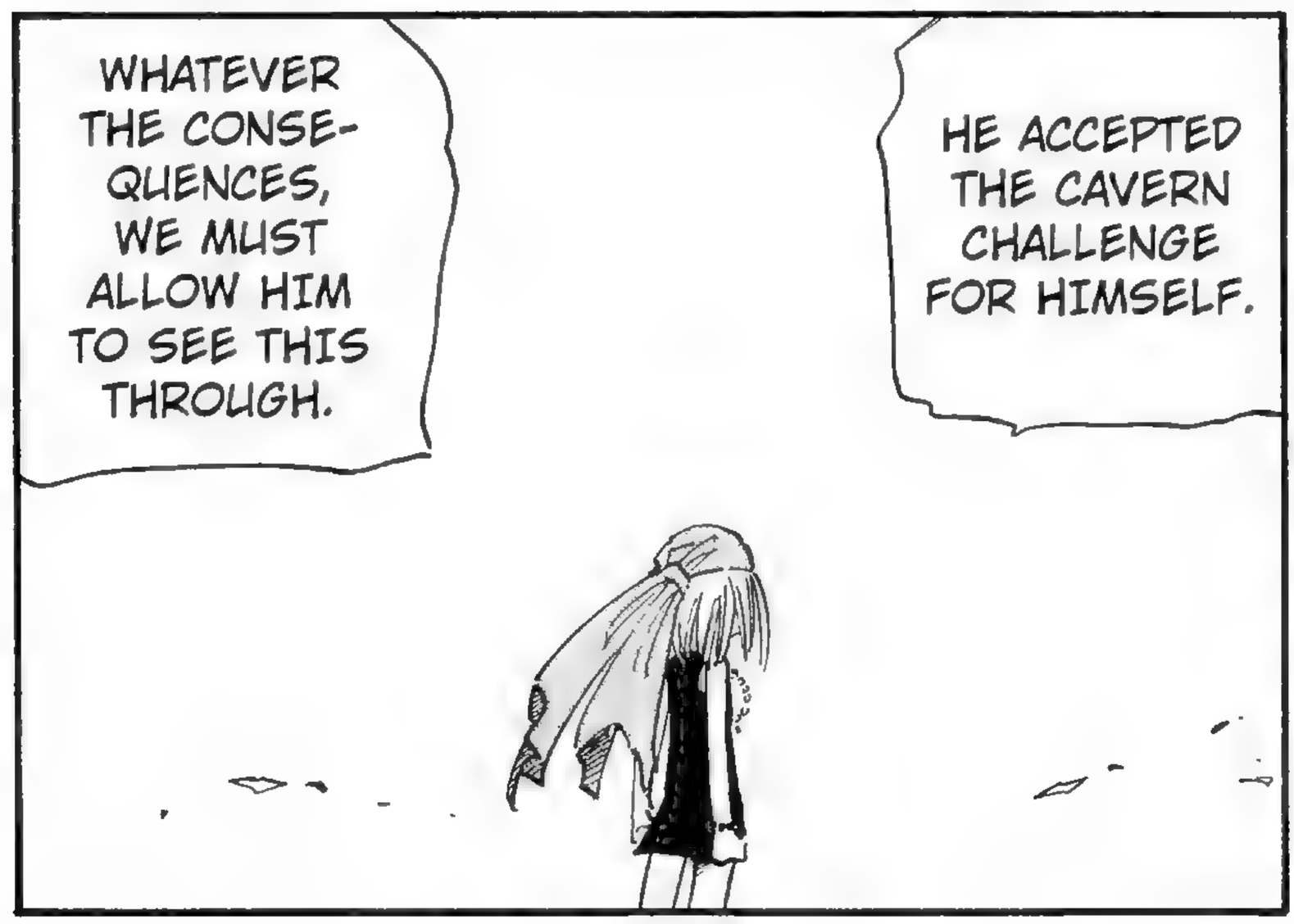
THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT WORTHWHILE.

SEVEN DAYS IN TOTAL DARKNESS WOULD UNHINGE MOST PEOPLE!

THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS!

YOH'S SOUL HAS BEEN UNDER A CONSTANT ASSAULT FROM NEGATIVE EMOTIONS LIKE THAT.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SO WORRIED YOU COULDN'T SLEEP?

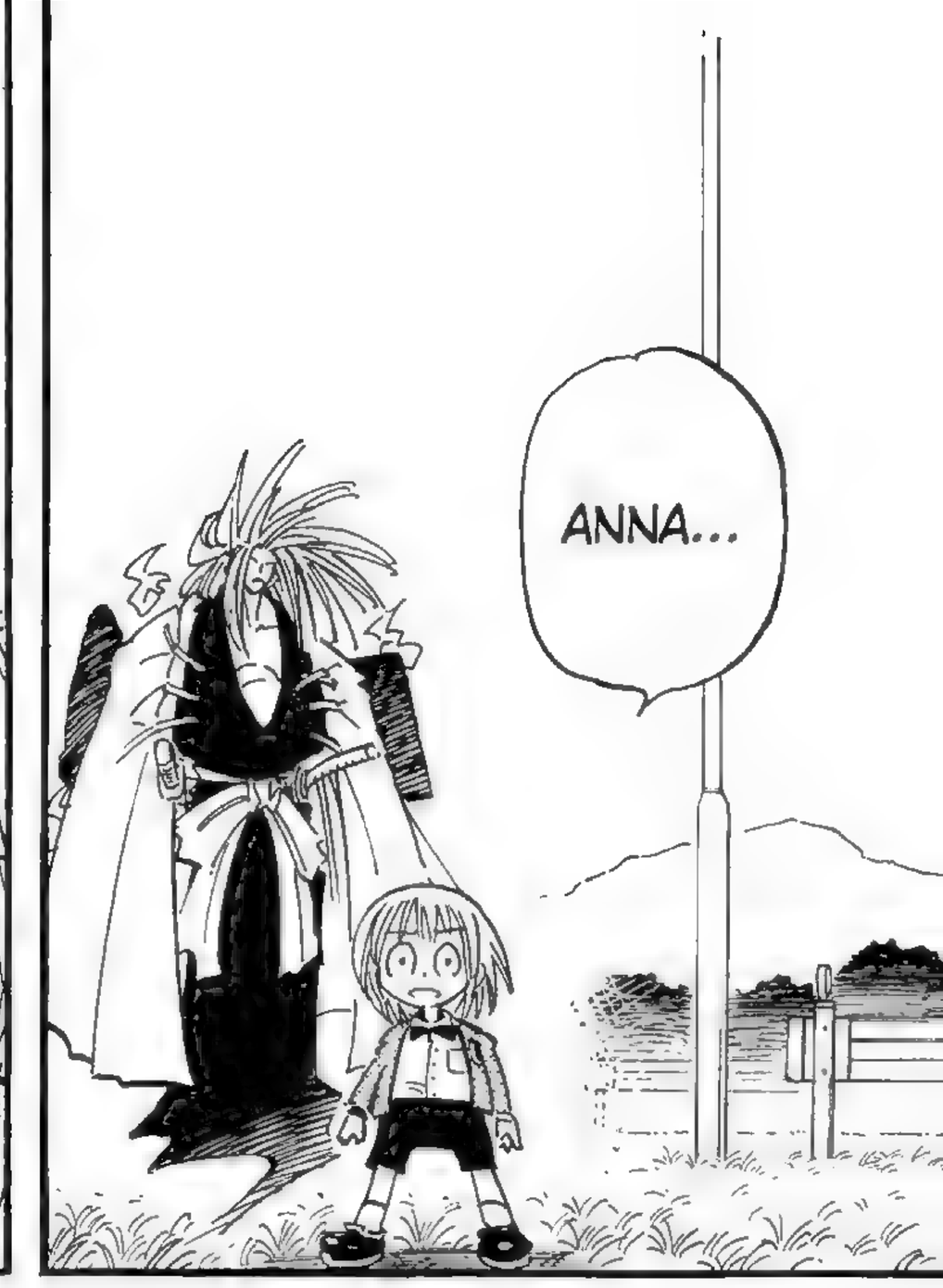


...IS HAVE FAITH IN YOH AND WAIT!

ALL WE CAN DO...

I'M SURE ANNA IS TEMPTED TO GO RESCUE YOH TOO.
YEAH.

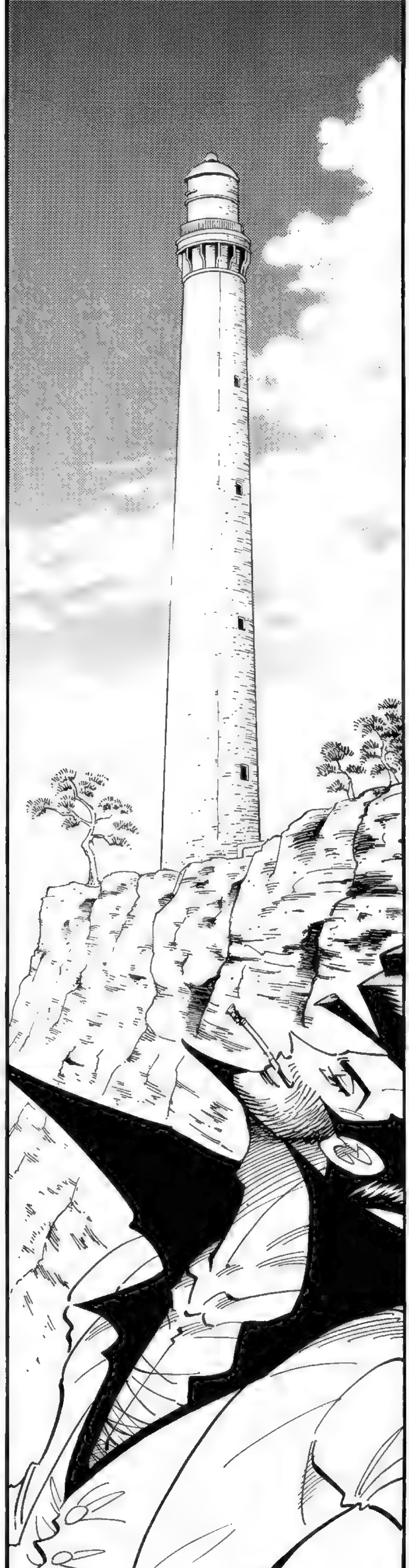
SHE HAS LORD YOH'S BEST INTERESTS AT HEART. YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, LORD MANTA.


ANNA...

PFFT!
OOF!?
TWAK
RYU, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP!? GET UP, WE'RE LEAVING!!

WE'LL DO THE DIVINING AT THE EXIT TO THE CAVERN!
FWIK
C'MON, YOU GUYS!

HUH...?



WHAT'S THIS PLACE?
THE IZUMO HINOMISAKI LIGHT-HOUSE...!?
出雲日御碕燈台
海上保安庁

ACCESS IS EASY. THERE ARE 14 ICHIBATA-DENTETSU BUSES A DAY. GET OFF AT THE IZUMO SHRINE STOP.

I WASN'T ASKING DIRECT-IONS...

THE WESTERN-MOST POINT OF THE SHIMANE PENINSULA, THIS HINOMISAKI LIGHTHOUSE IS THE TALLEST IN EAST ASIA.

TMP

...BETWEEN THESE CLIFFS THAT JUT INTO THE SEA OF JAPAN...

AND BE-NEATH THE LIGHT-HOUSE...

HWOOOOO

KEEP OUT

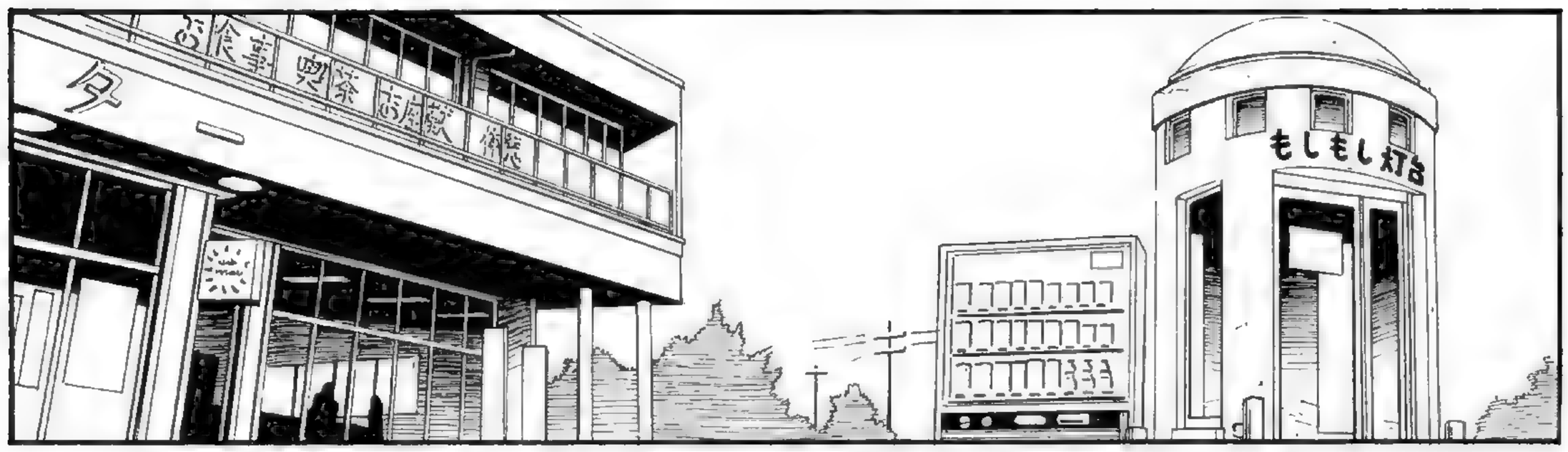
...IS A SECRET ENTRANCE KNOWN ONLY TO THE ASAKURAS.

NOBODY WOULD WANT TO GO IN THERE.

HWOOOOOO

I SEE.

WOW...

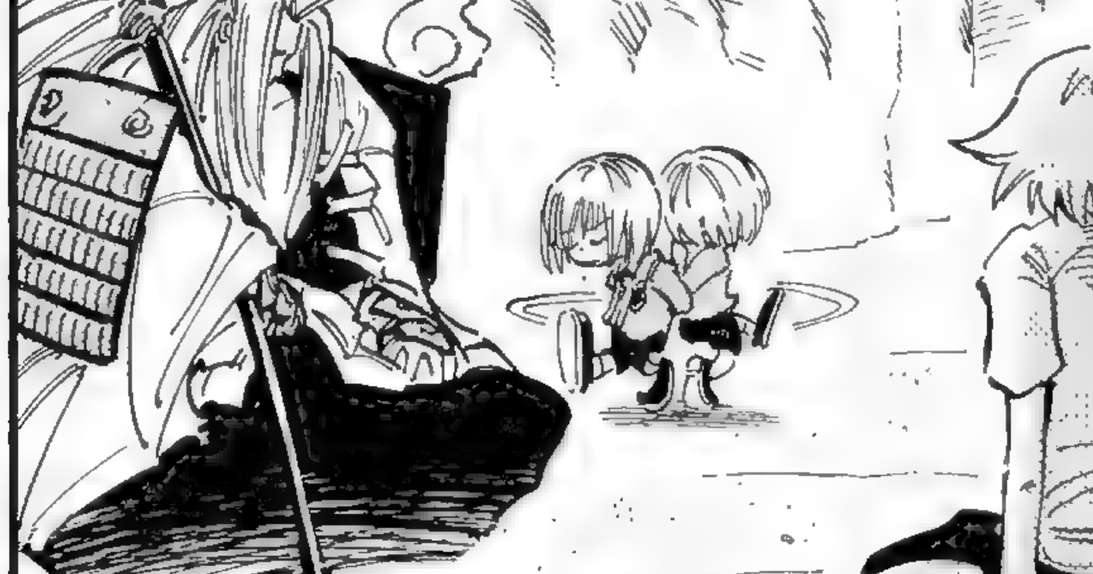


GRRRRRR...!

THAT'S WHAT A KOKKURI BOARD IS MADE TO DO.

SO THE FOX AND THE RACCOON DOG WENT IN TO LOOK FOR THE CHIEF, AND THEY'LL REPORT VIA THE KOKKURI BOARD, WHICH AUTOMATICALLY DISPLAYS THEIR MESSAGE.

NOW THAT'S COOL.



HE MAY NOT BE THE SAME YOH WE KNEW.

...AFTER SUCH AN ORDEAL...

YEAH... BUT EVEN IF HE COMES THROUGH SAFELY...

WE JUST WANT TO KNOW IF HE'S ALIVE!

DO YOU STILL HAVE FAITH IN THE PATH HE CHOSE?

ANNA...

...

I'M STILL YOUR FRIEND, YOH.

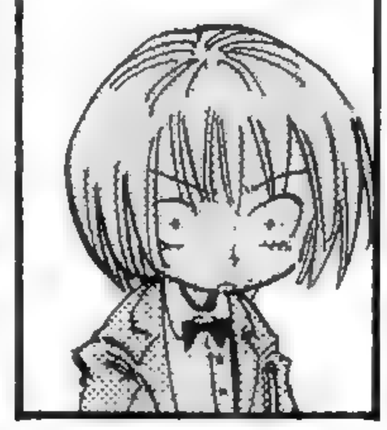
KEEP OUT

PLEASE SURVIVE TO TELL US.

YOH, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE DARKNESS? WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT, AND WHAT DID YOU DO?

KEEP OUT

HE'S...



TWITCH

PONCHI AND KONCHI HAVE FOUND HIM!
MASTER YOH IS COM-ING...!!
HE'S COMING!
HE'S CLOSE TO THE EXIT...!

AT THE EXIT...!

HE'S ALREADY...

YOH...

WHAT!?

.....!!
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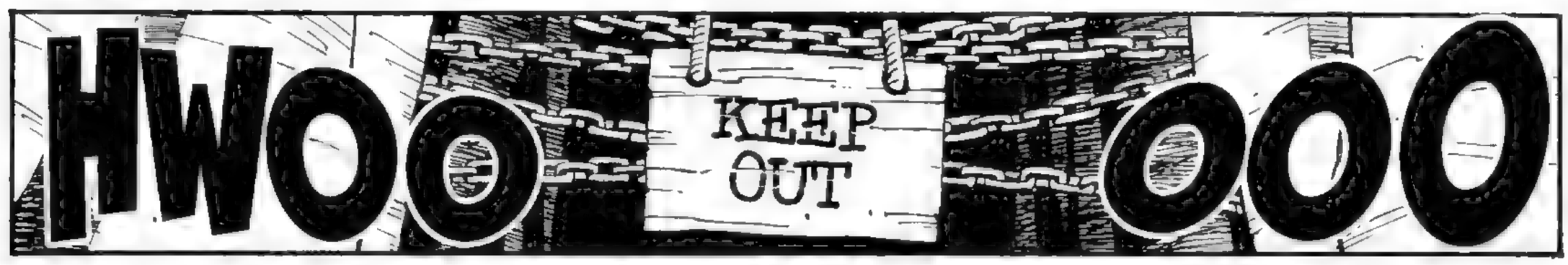
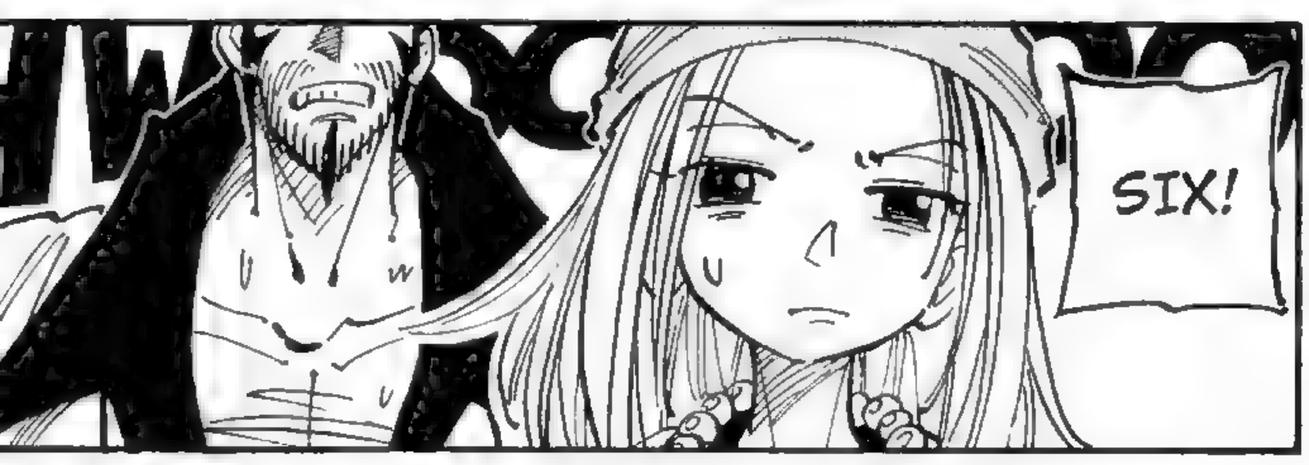

HWOO
KEEP OUT
OOO

HW
TEN!
TWENTY FEET!
TWENTY-FIVE FEET!


SIX!

BUT WHAT KIND OF SHAPE WILL HE BE IN...!?
LORD YOH IS ALMOST HERE...! SO HE WAS SAFE...!
CLOSER-- JUST ANOTHER 30 FEET!
HERE HE COMES!

LONG TIME NO SEE, GUYS.

YO.

HA-HA!

HUH?

...!!

POP

HOW CAN YOU ACT LIKE NOTHING'S HAP-PENED!?

HE'S SO LAID BACK!

DON'T PLAY DUMB!!

POOF

phew

phew

POOF

OH, THESE GUYS TOLD ME YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME.

THAT'S WHY I WASN'T SUR-PRISED.

YET YOU SEEM EVEN LESS STRESSED THAN BEFORE!?

YOU WERE IN THERE A LONG TIME...

WHY AREN'T YOU HALF-DEAD!?

SO I QUIT THINKING ALTOGETHER SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE.

...ABOUT WHAT I'VE DONE SO FAR, ABOUT THE FUTURE. THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT THINGS, THE HARDER IT GOT.

SURE, IT WAS DARK IN THERE, AND A LOT OF THINGS WENT THROUGH MY MIND...

SKRITCH

WHAT'S EVERYBODY SO EXCITED ABOUT?

I FIGURED EVERYTHING WOULD WORK OUT EVENTUALLY.

I COULD ONLY GROPE AND FUMBLE AROUND AT FIRST, BUT I KNEW I HAD TO KEEP WORKING MY WAY FORWARD.

heh

heh heh

BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M STARVING! I NEED SOME FOOD.

WUMP

Ohhh

SPEECHLESS

.....

THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME, EVERYBODY.

HEH HEH...

I GUESS WE'LL CALL IT A JOB WELL DONE.

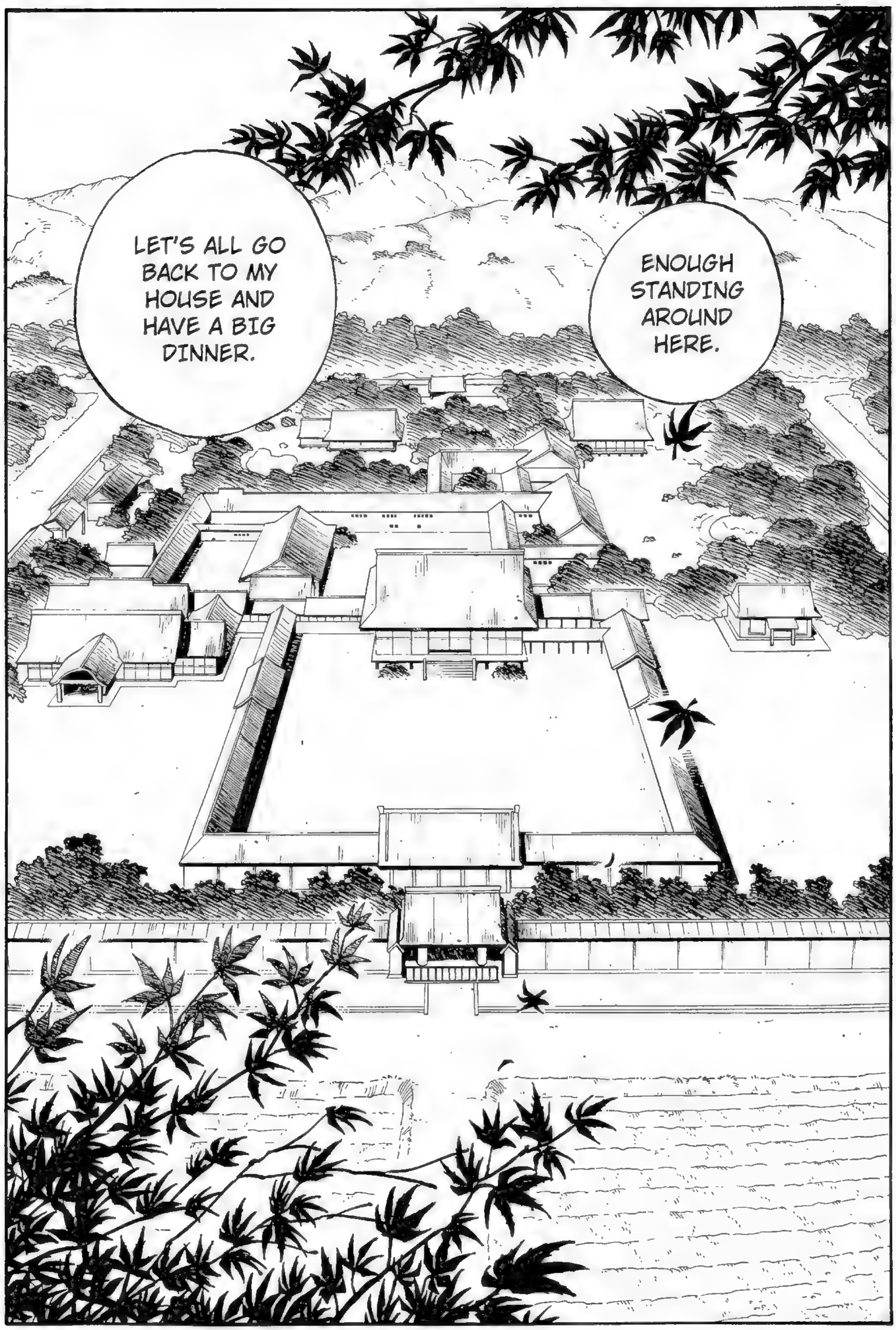
WELL, YOU'RE ALIVE, ANYWAY.

THAT'S CLASSIC YOH.

HEH...

SNIFF

HMPH...


LET'S ALL GO BACK TO MY HOUSE AND HAVE A BIG DINNER.
ENOUGH STANDING AROUND HERE.

SHAMAN KING

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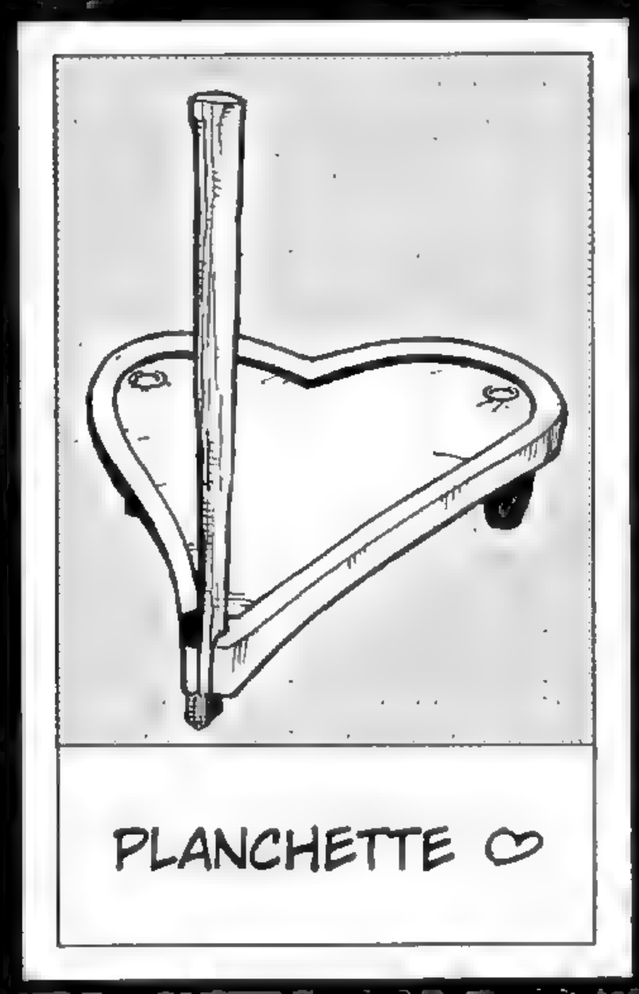

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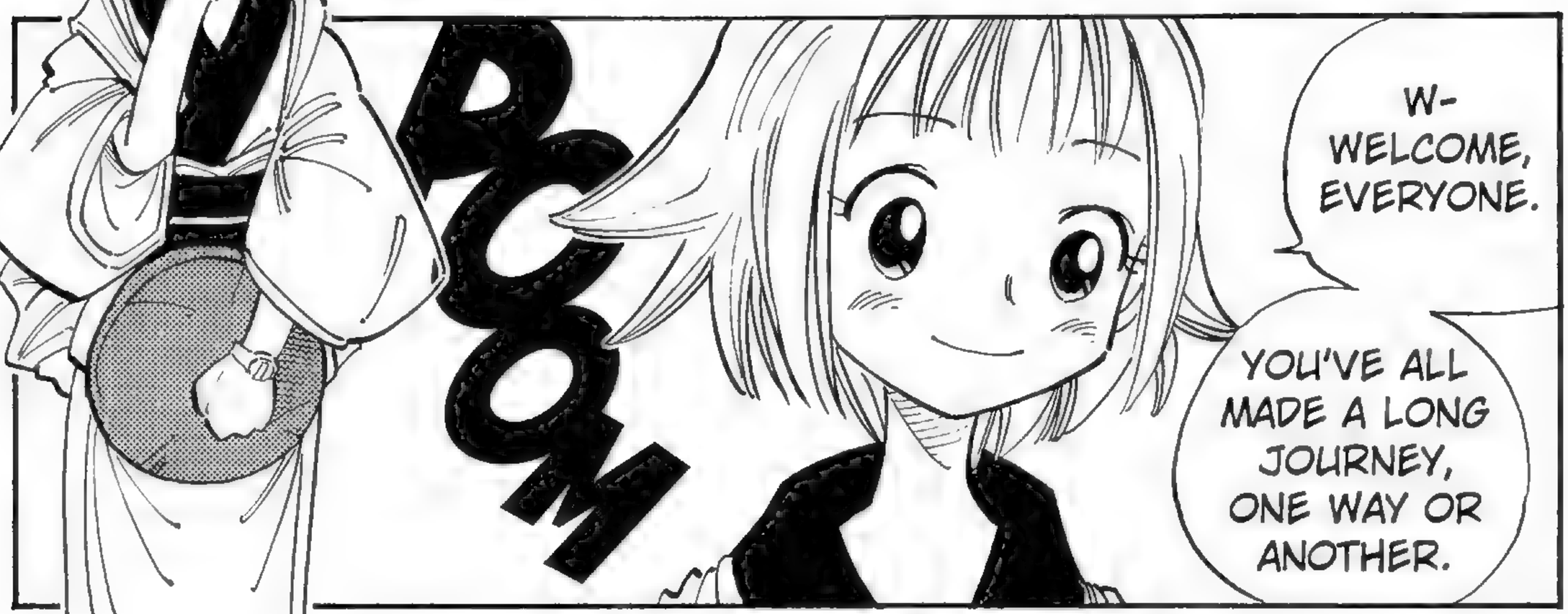
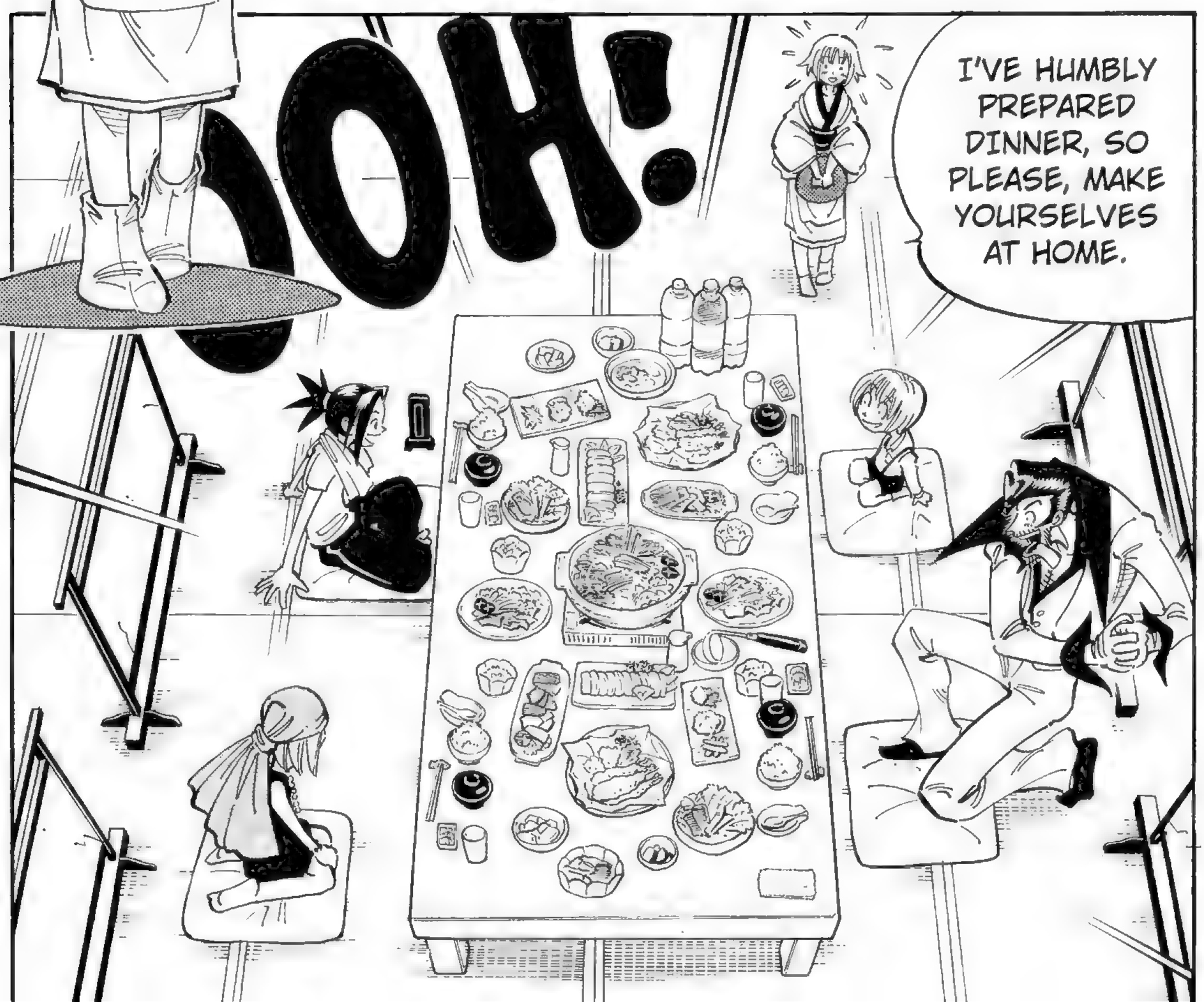




IT ALL LOOKS DELICIOUS!

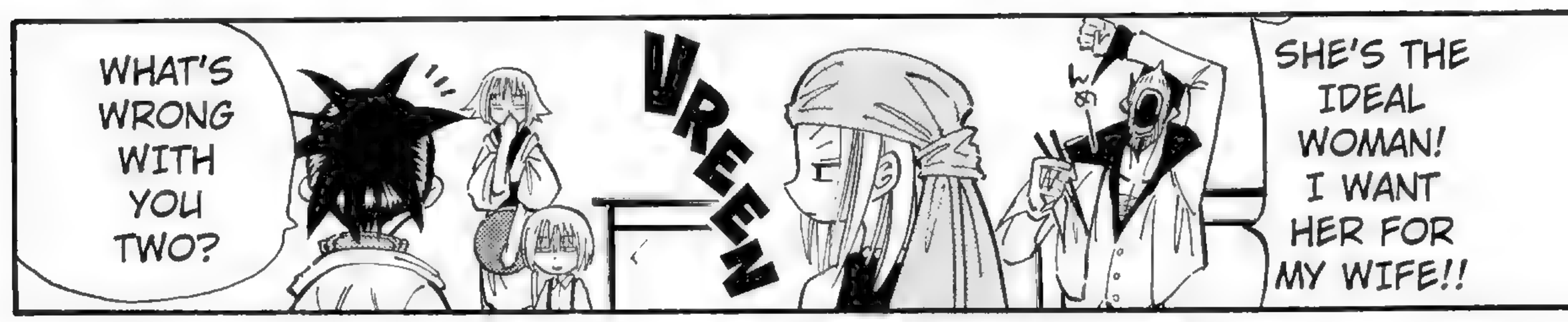
I'VE BEEN IN THE SERVICE OF THIS FAMILY FOR YEARS.

YES.

WOW

YOU MADE ALL THIS YOUR-SELF!

WOW!



...TO BE SO HUGE.

Reincarnation 52: Progress

THERE USED TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE IN THE OLD DAYS. RIGHT, TAMAO?

IT'S BEEN HERE A LONG TIME.

A HUGE ESTATE IN THE MOUNTAINS... IT'S MIND-BOGGLING. THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THIS IN TOKYO.

YES, MASTER YOH.

THE MAIN HOUSE WAS BUILT ABOUT 600 YEARS AGO.

IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF SHAMANIC INFLUENCE, AS MANY AS 171 PEOPLE LIVED HERE, INCLUDING THE DISCIPLES.

SPEAKING OF THEM, I HAVEN'T SEEN GRANDPA OR MY MOM.

YOU LIVE IN THIS HUGE HOUSE WITH ONLY TWO OTHER PEOPLE!?

BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED, AND FEW PEOPLE SEEK THE HELP OF SHAMANS. ONLY MASTER YOHMEI AND LADY KEIKO LIVE HERE NOW.

SO THAT'S WHY SHE'S NOT AROUND.

AND LADY KEIKO IS ON A TRIP TO CHINA WITH THE LOCAL LADIES' CLUB.

MASTER YOHMEI IS COUN-SELING A POLITICIAN TODAY...

UM... OH, YES!

FWIP

DOESN'T YOUR FAMILY SUPPORT YOU!?

YOU'RE KILLING YOURSELF FOR YOUR DREAM!!

YOH JUST RE-TURNED FROM HELL!

BOOM

WHAT'S WITH YOUR FAMILY!?

SEEMS A LITTLE EXTREME.

heh heh heh

SURE THEY DO.

BUT THEY WON'T INTER-FERE WITH MY DEVELOPMENT ON PRINCIPLE.

THAT'S WHY MASTER YOH HAS LADY ANNA.

!

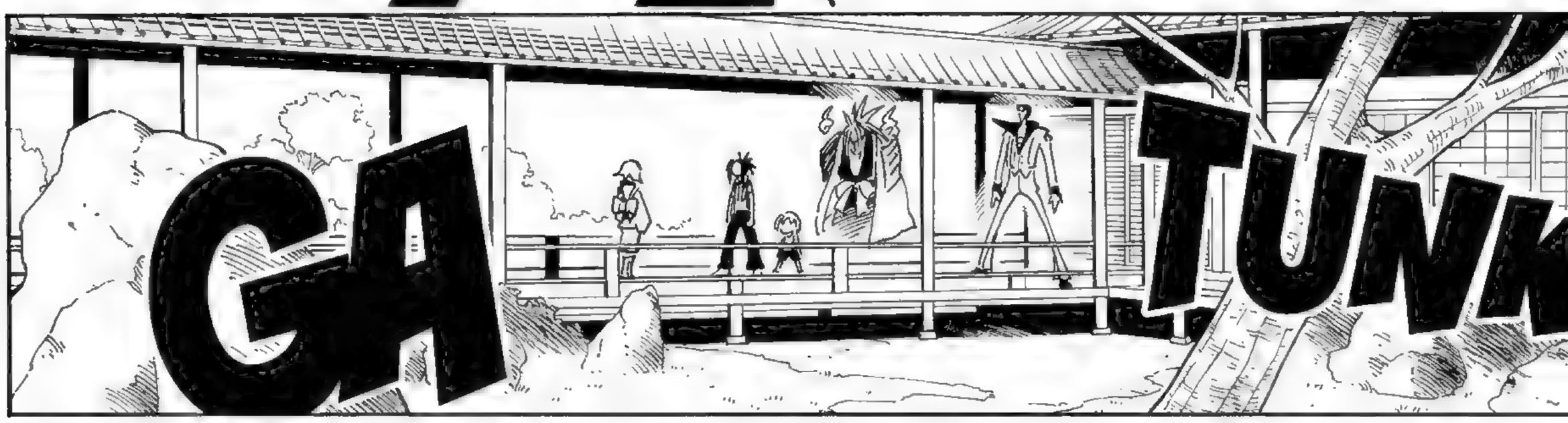
THAT'S WHY...

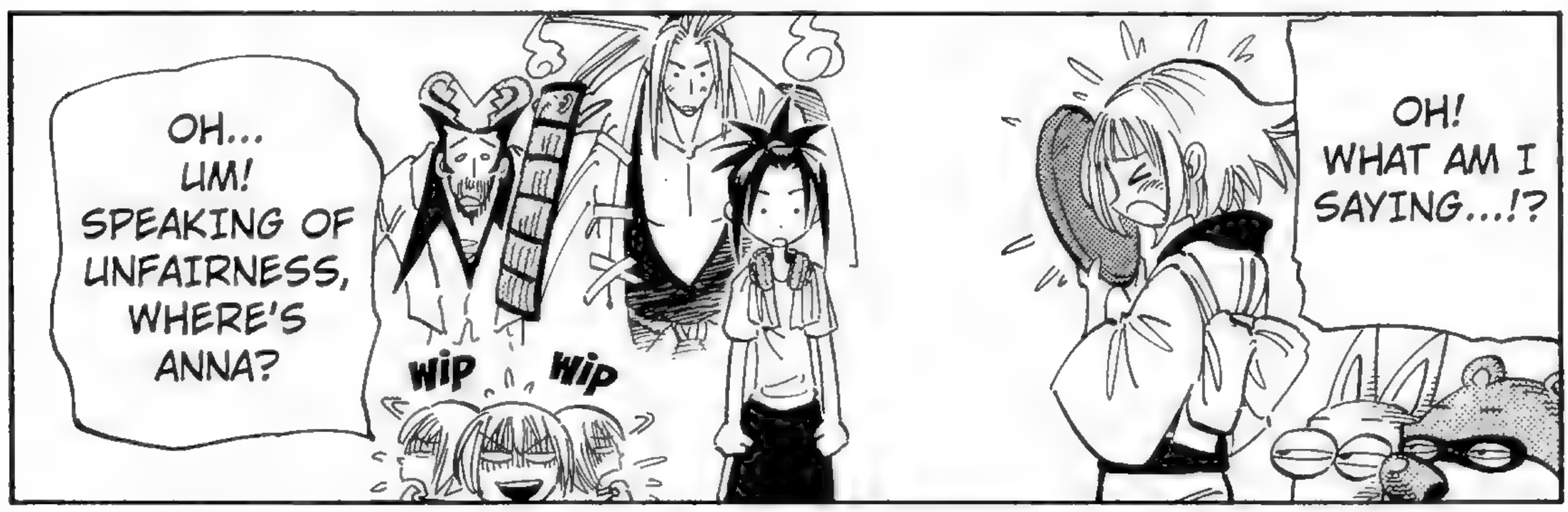
I'VE WORKED REALLY HARD, TOO...

IT'S NOT FAIR.

EVEN IN THESE TIMES, MASTER YOHMEI WANTS THE BLOODLINE TO CONTINUE.

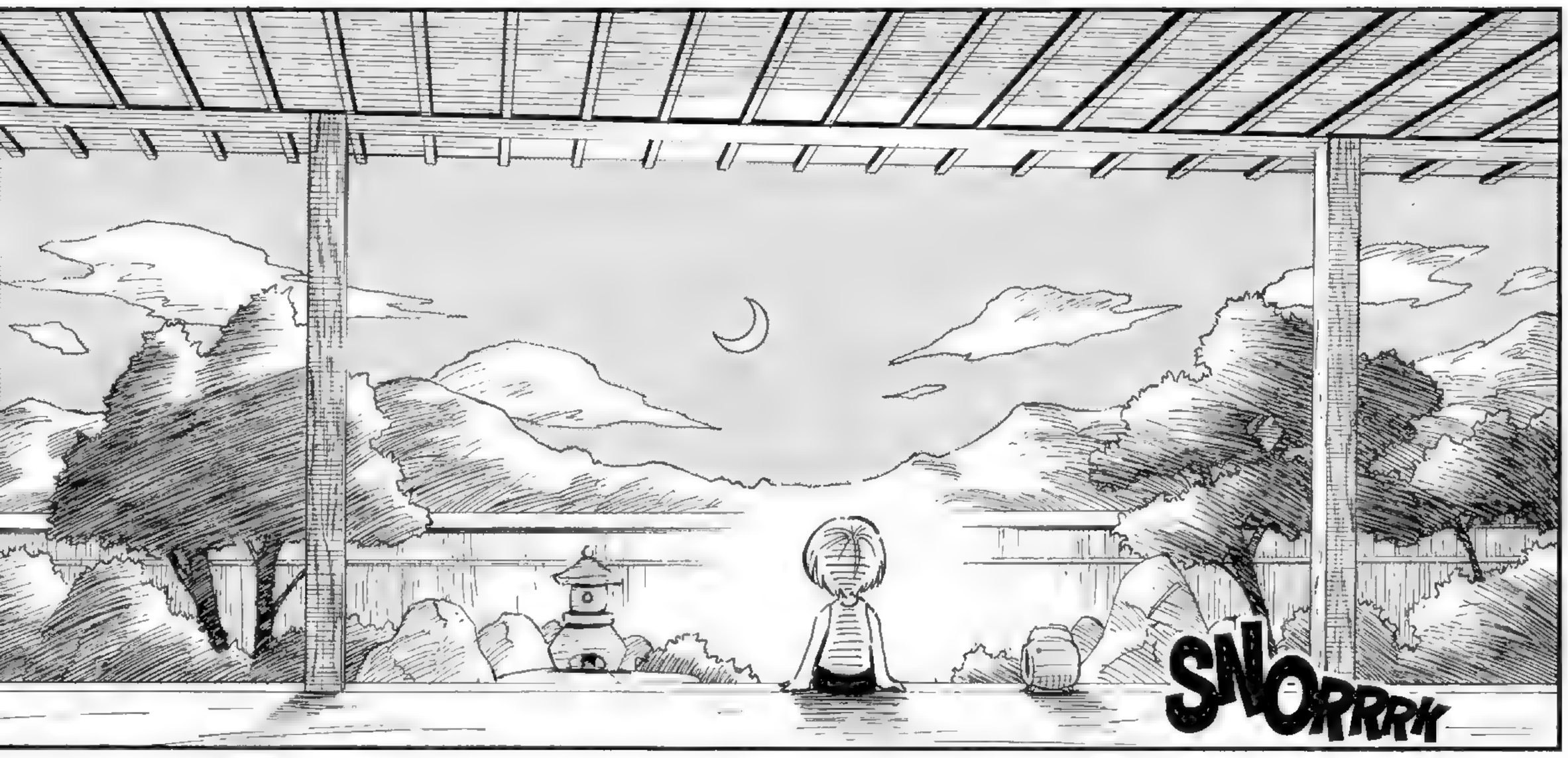
ONLY TALENTED FEMALE SHAMANS ARE CHOSEN TO MARRY INTO THE ASAKURA FAMILY.





hraa-puh-puh-puh-puh
SNORRRK
SNORRRK

FROWN


SNORRRK

I'VE FINALLY MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO YOH'S HOUSE.

...IZUMO, THE LAND OF THE GODS...
RUSTLE

YOH!?

HEY, MANTA, YOU'RE AWAKE?

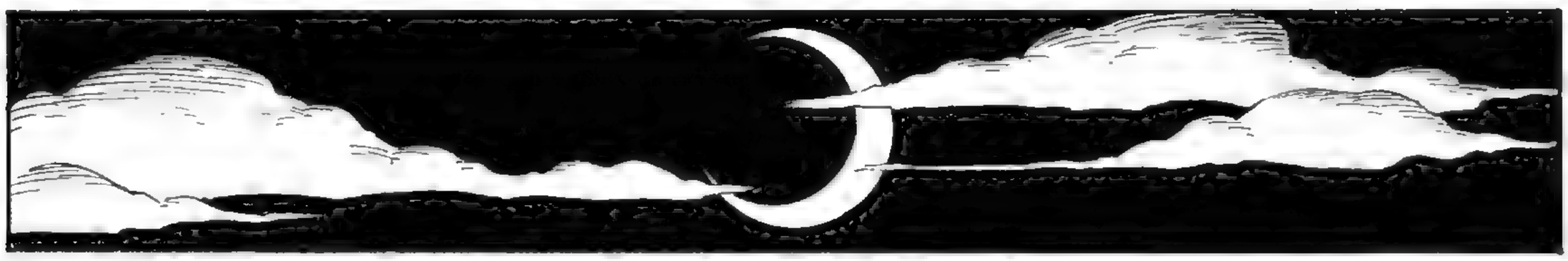
RUSHE

huh!?

...BUT THE MYSTERIES JUST KEEP PILING UP.

IT'S GOOD TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOH...

SIGH



I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP SINCE THE CAVERN.

AND THERE WAS SOMETHING I FORGOT TO TELL YOU.

...SO THAT'S MY STORY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP?

I SHOULDN'T HAVE INVITED MYSELF HERE.

OH, I'M SORRY.

ANNA TOLD ME WHAT YOU DID.

FORGOT TO TELL ME?

...AND BEFORE THAT, YOU GOT SPLIT OPEN BECAUSE I MESSED UP.

...I SAID SOME MEAN THINGS TO YOU IN THE HOSPITAL...

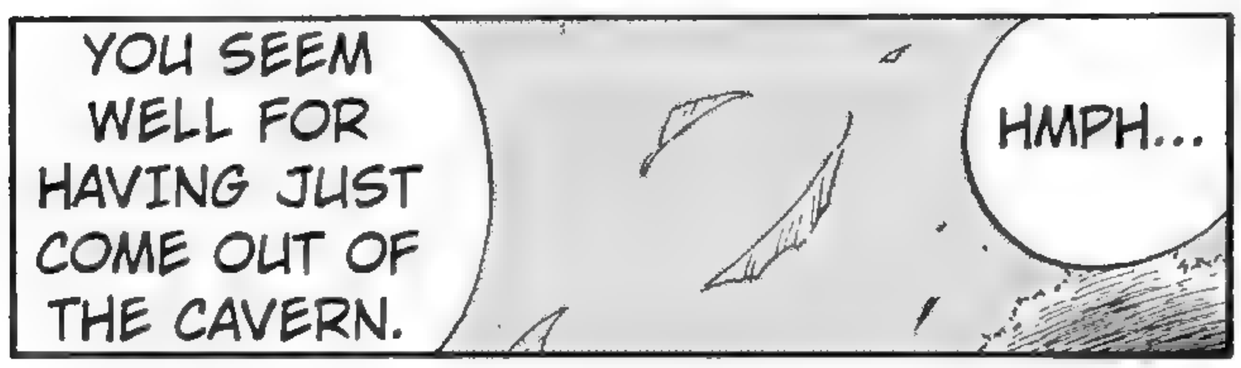
NO, I WANT TO THANK YOU.

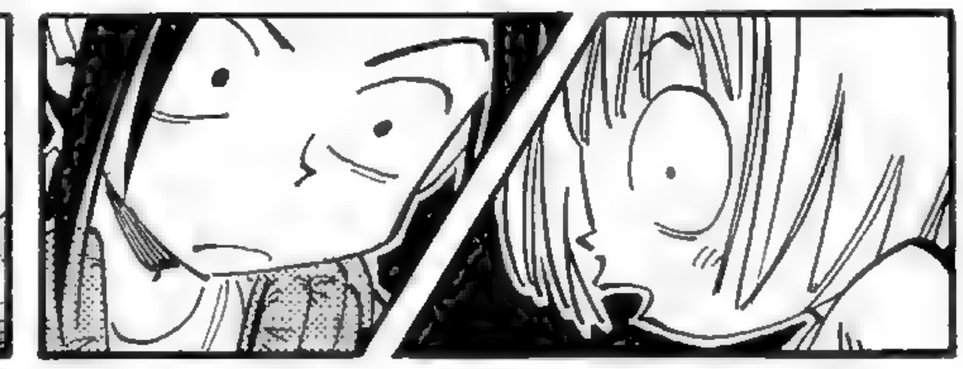
!

BUT DESPITE ALL THAT...

YOU STILL WANT TO BE MY FRIEND...

READ THIS WAY
IT'S TOO SOON TO THANK ANYONE.
WELL, I'M STILL GONNA THANK YOU!
heh heh heh
AW, STOP! YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSING ME!


YOU SEEM WELL FOR HAVING JUST COME OUT OF THE CAVERN.
HMPH...



BUT YOU SHOULD HOLD YOUR THANKS UNTIL YOUR TRAINING IS COMPLETE.

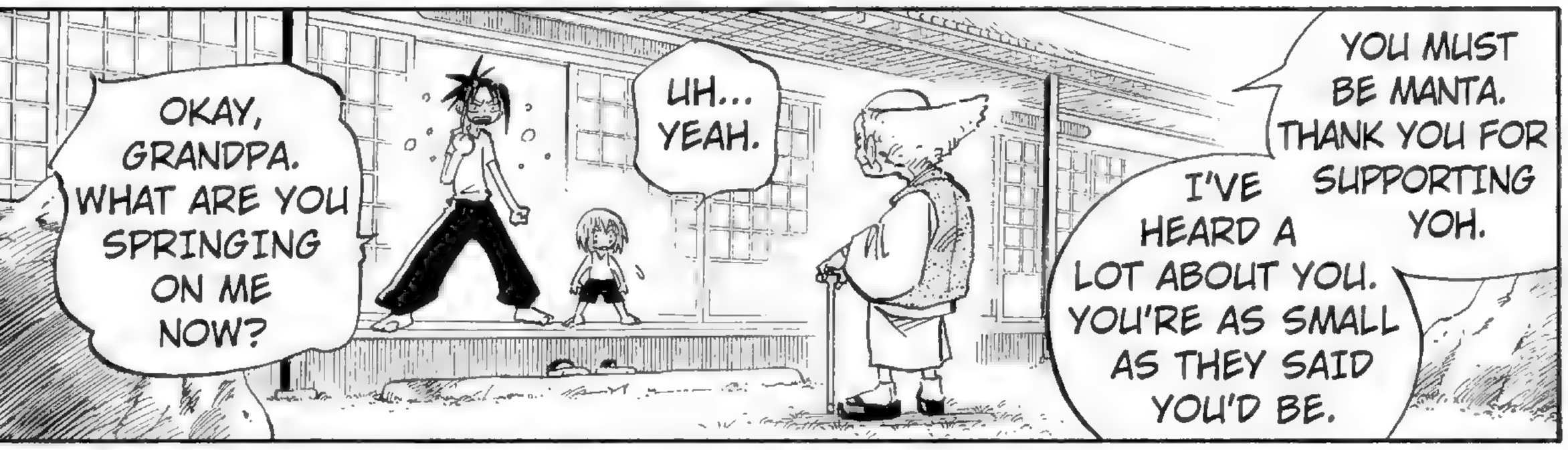
THE HEAD OF THE ASAKURA CLAN...!!

SHEESH!

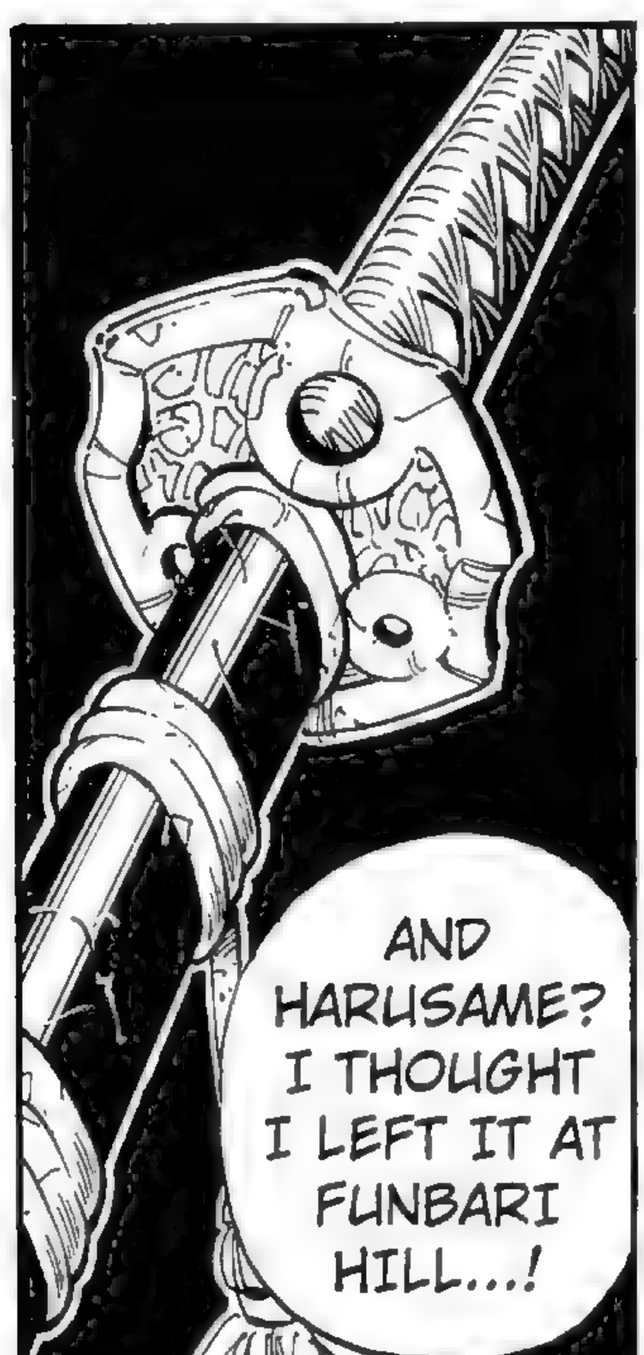
GRANDPA, WHEN DID YOU GET BACK!?

GRAND-PA!?

SO THIS IS YOH'S GRAND-FATHER...!



ANNA?


AND HARUSAME? I THOUGHT I LEFT IT AT FUNBARI HILL...!

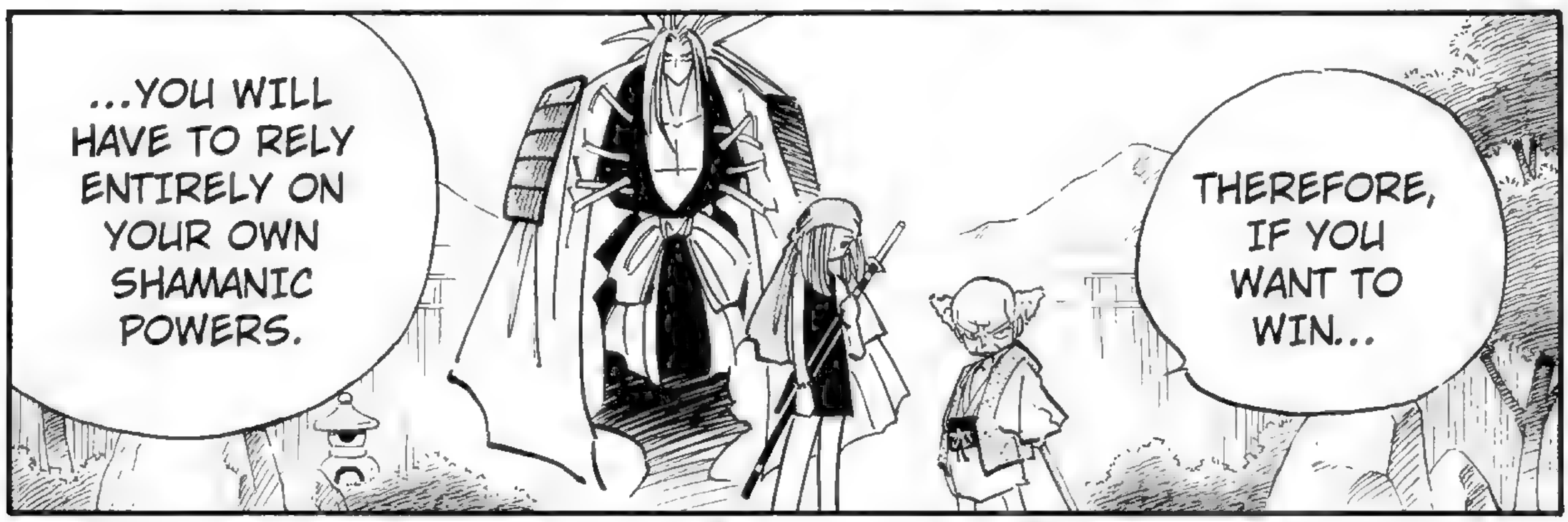
AMIDA-MARU...

ANNA...!

READ THIS WAY
AND I WANTED TO MEET YOUR SPIRIT ALLY.
I ASKED ANNA TO BRING IT...
AFTER YOU WENT INTO THE CAVERN.

AMIDAMARU. IT'S CLEAR HE'S A SKILLED SWORDS-MAN.
BUT HE'S A HUMAN GHOST... HE DOESN'T HAVE THE SPECIAL POWERS OF THE HIGHER SPIRITS.

YOU DID?


...YOU WILL HAVE TO RELY ENTIRELY ON YOUR OWN SHAMANIC POWERS.
THEREFORE, IF YOU WANT TO WIN...

IT'S TIME TO INSPECT THE RESULTS OF YOUR TRAINING.
NOW THEN...

YOU MAY SHOW IT...

I MUST SEE THE FULL POWER OF YOUR MANA.

RE-SULTS!?

DON'T STAND THERE STARING. TAKE HARUSAME.

BY STRIKING DOWN ALL OF MY LEAF SPRITES.

YOU'RE LOOKING AT YOHMEI'S OVER SOUL.
THEY'RE THE FAMILIAR SPIRITS OF THE ONMYÔJI, THE JAPANESE YIN AND YANG MASTERS.
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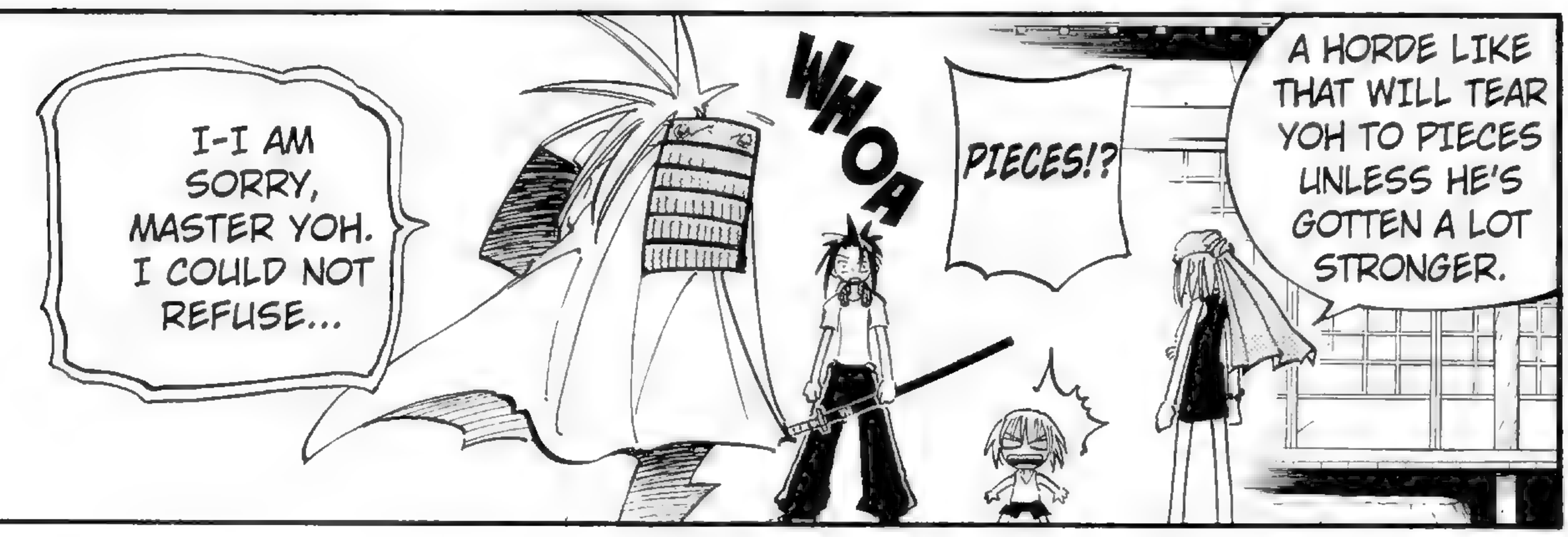
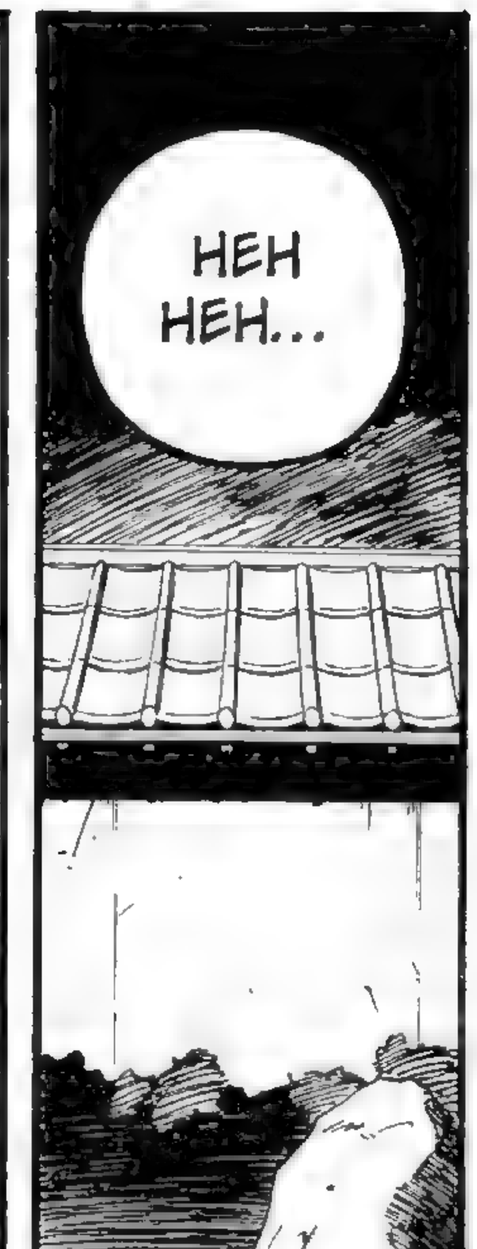
WHOA! WHAT ARE ALL THESE CREEPY THINGS!?
SHIKI-GAMI...


I-I AM SORRY, MASTER YOH. I COULD NOT REFUSE...
WHOA
PIECES!?
A HORDE LIKE THAT WILL TEAR YOH TO PIECES UNLESS HE'S GOTTEN A LOT STRONGER.

UNLESS YOU'RE AFRAID.
WELL? HAVE AT IT.

IT'S WEIRD.
I WAS SO SCARED OF THEM WHEN I WAS LITTLE...


HEH HEH...

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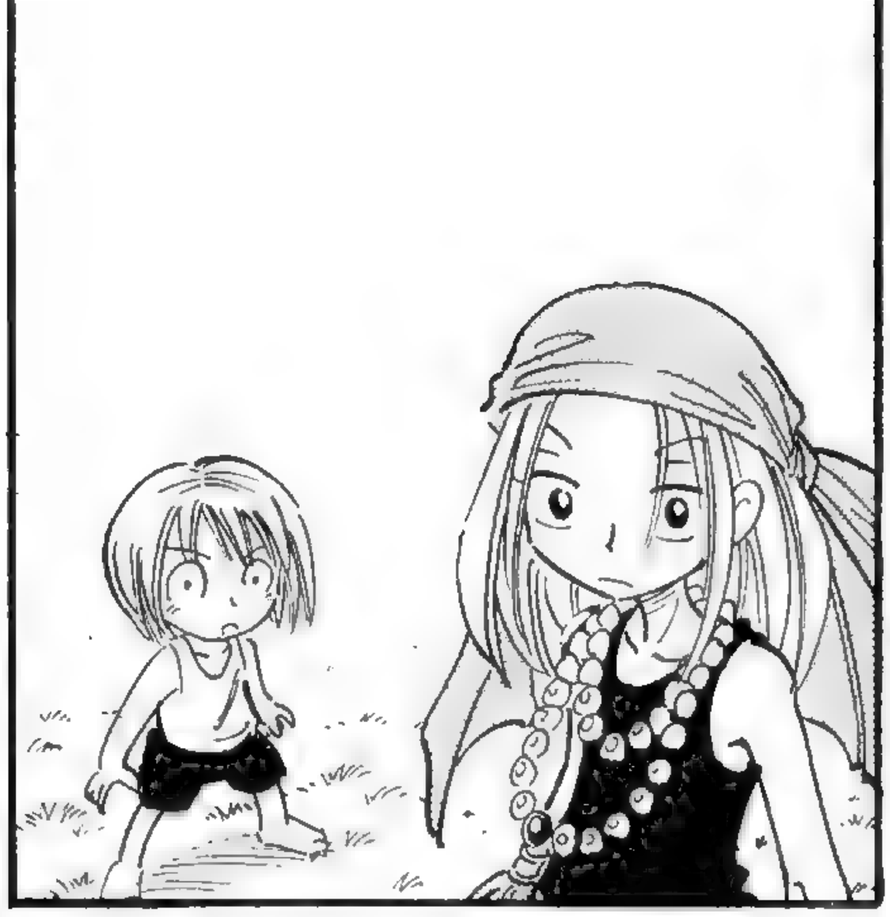
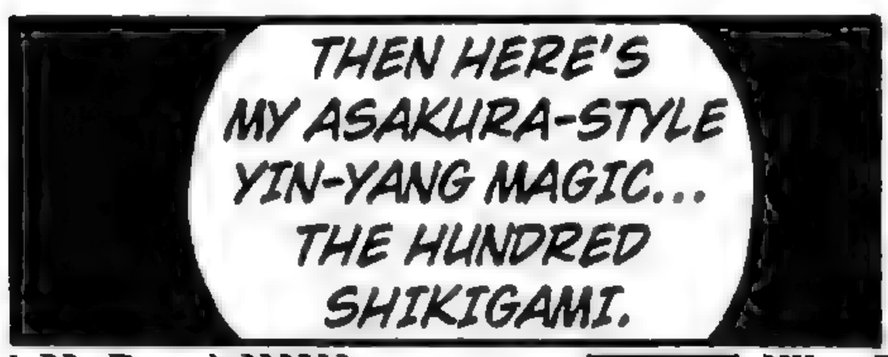


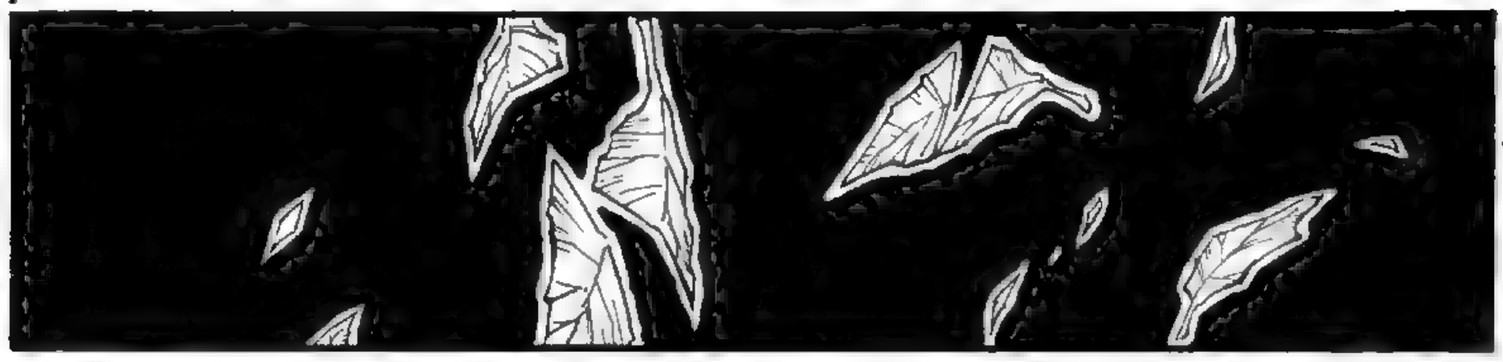
I SEE..

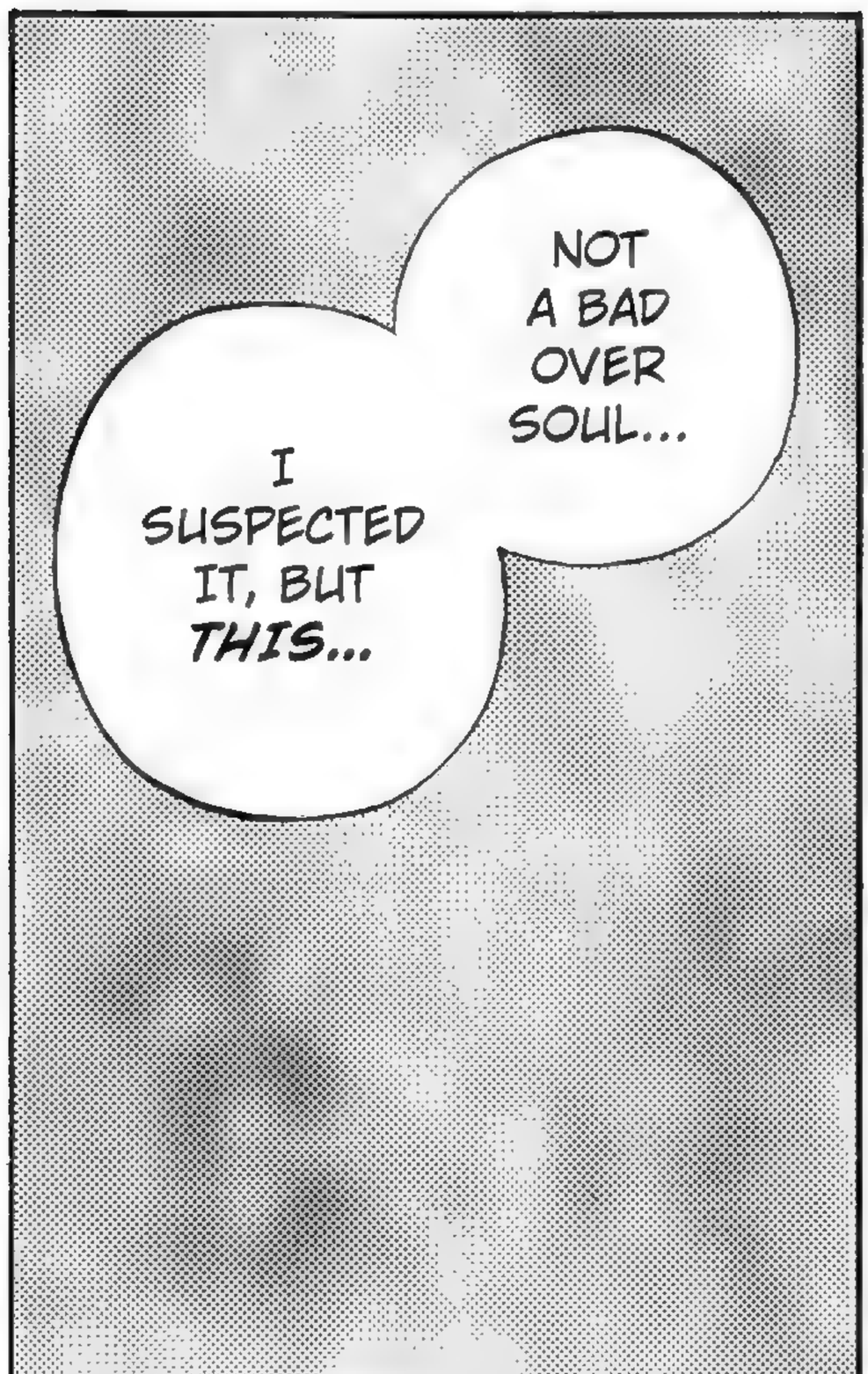

THEN HERE'S MY ASAKURA-STYLE YIN-YANG MAGIC... THE HUNDRED SHIKIGAMI.

I ACTUALLY THINK I CAN TAKE THEM.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, THEY DON'T SCARE ME AT ALL NOW.

FIIOOOM
CAN YOU TAKE THEM, YOH!?

I CAN SEE THEM.
BUT NOW I SEE THEM ALL SO CLEARLY...
I COULD NEVER MAKE OUT THE SHAPE OF GRANDPA'S MANA BEFORE...
YOH!!
NOOOO!!




NOT A BAD OVER SOUL...
I SUSPECTED IT, BUT *THIS*...

THE LEAVES HAVE ALL BEEN CUT IN TWO...

HEH HEH...

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP

YOUR JOURNEY TO THE NETHER-WORLD HAS PRODUCED BETTER RESULTS THAN I IMAGINED...!

SHAMAN KING CHARACTER FILE No.28

The Ponchi & Conchi

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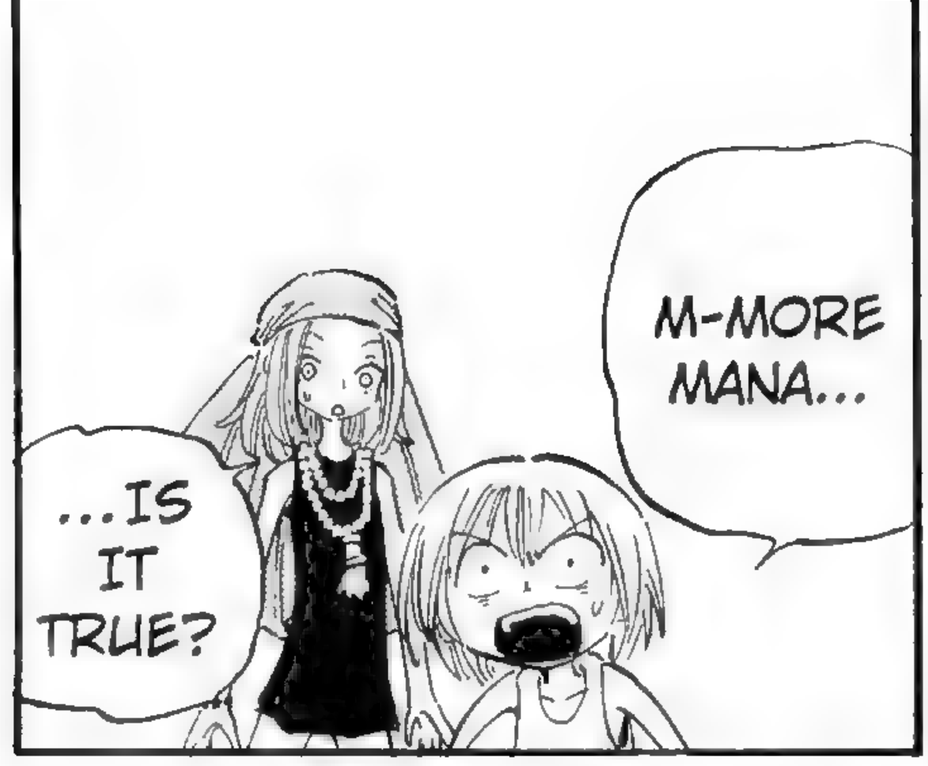
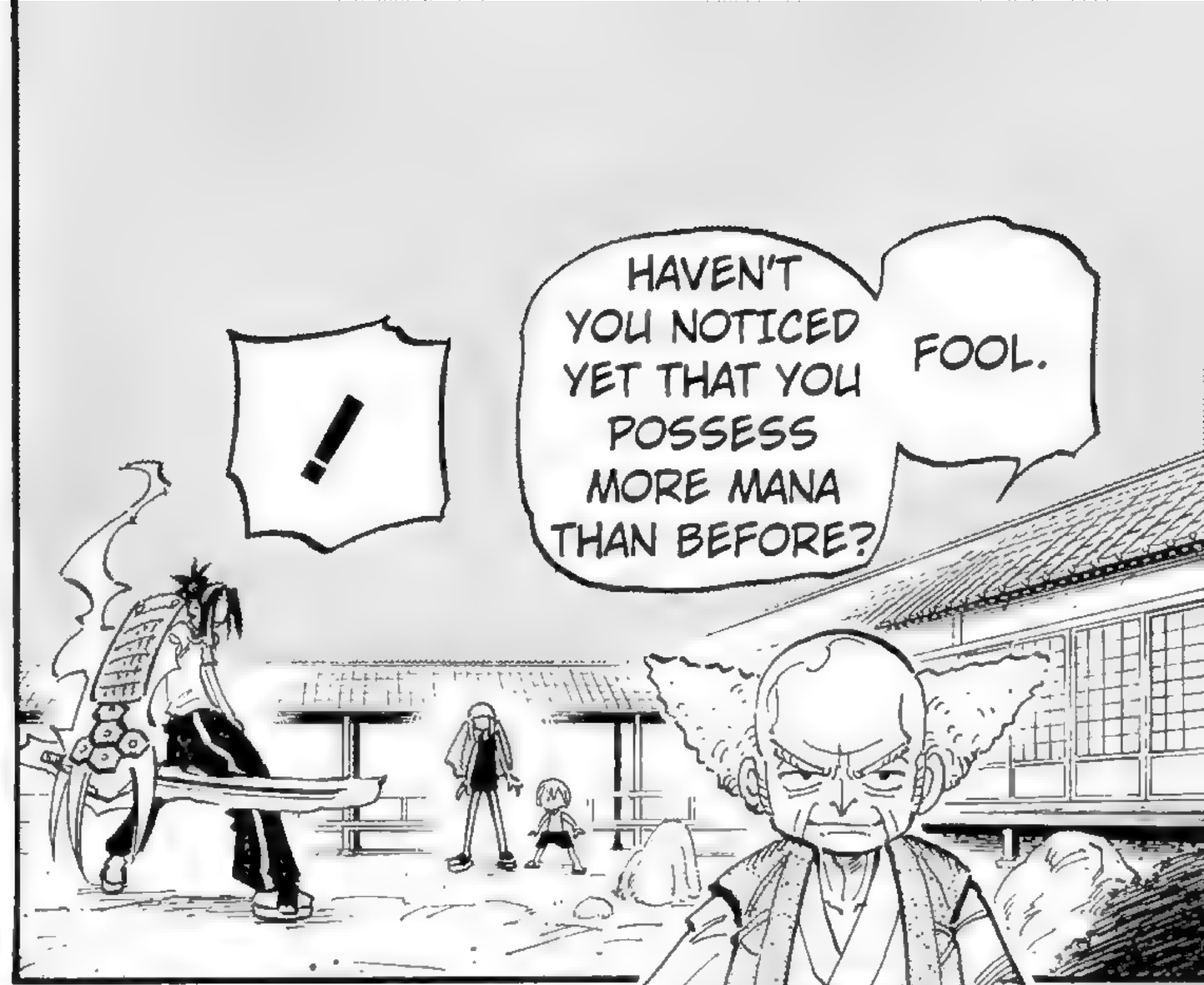
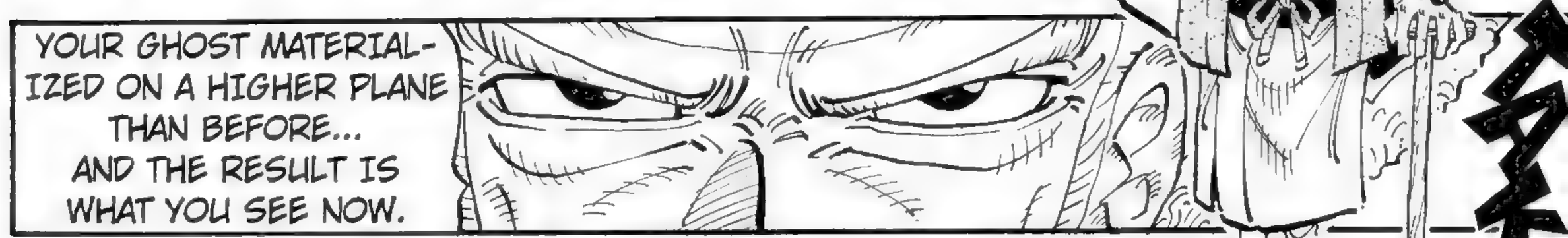
DATA UNKNOWN

Reincarnation 53: Two Tough Ghosts

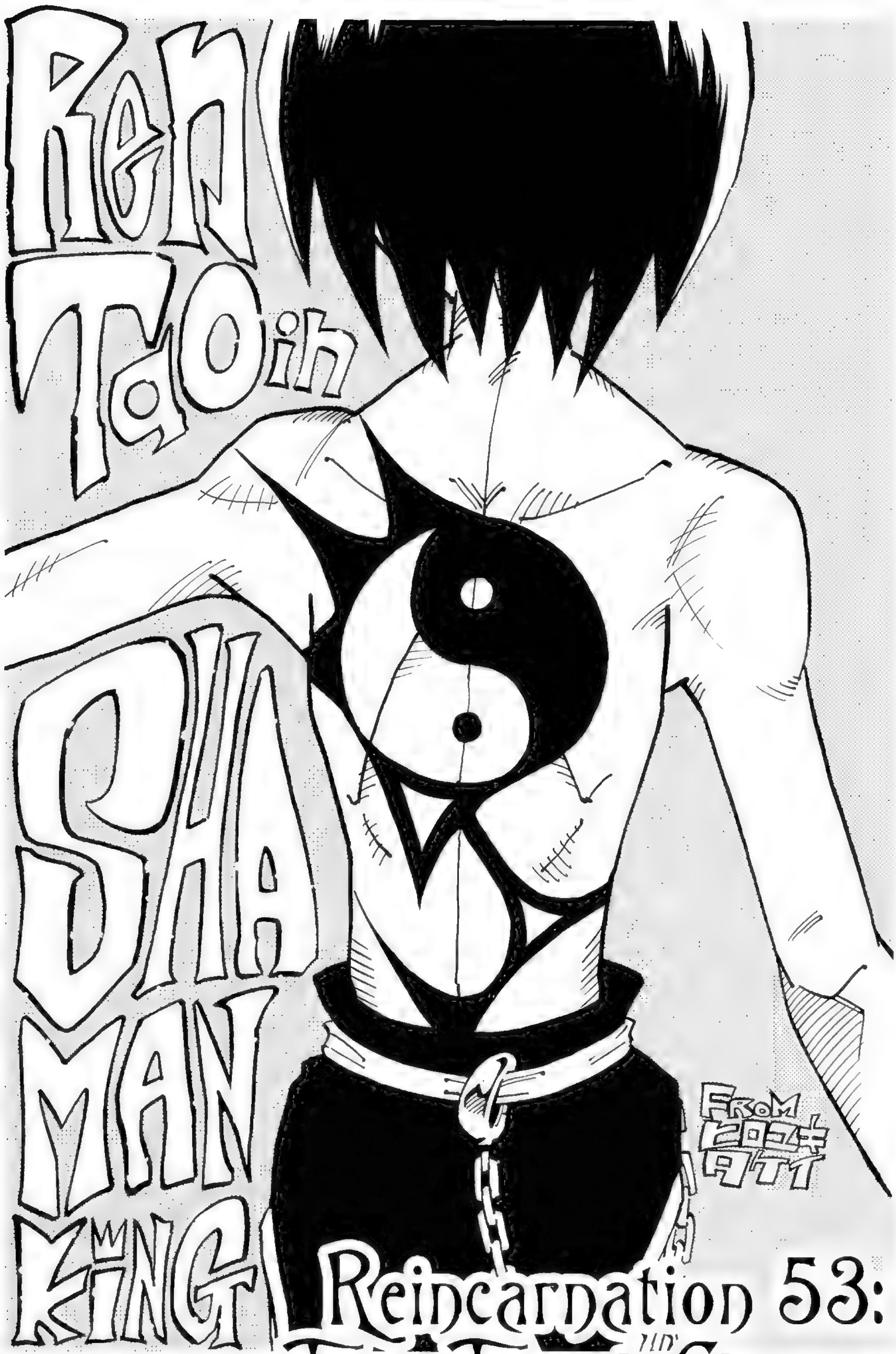

M-MORE MANA...
...IS IT TRUE?


!
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED YET THAT YOU POSSESS MORE MANA THAN BEFORE?
FOOL.

MORE MANA MEANS A MORE POWERFUL OVER SOUL.
HEH HEH...


YOUR GHOST MATERIALIZED ON A HIGHER PLANE THAN BEFORE... AND THE RESULT IS WHAT YOU SEE NOW.

YOH, YOUR OVER SOUL HAS EVOLVED!



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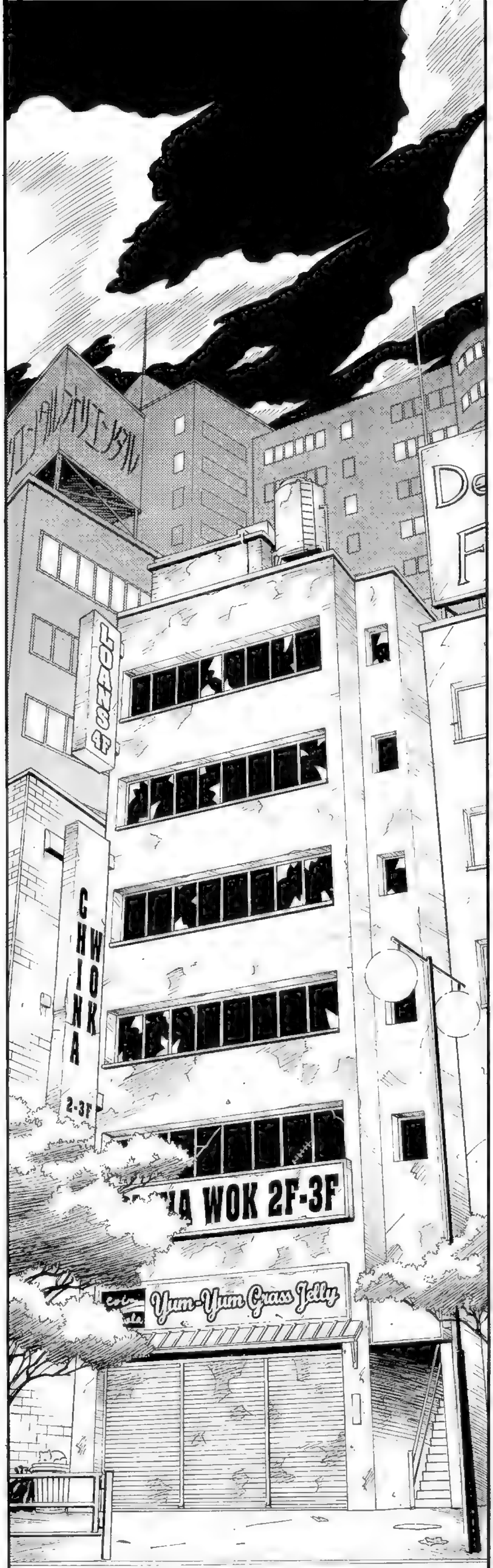
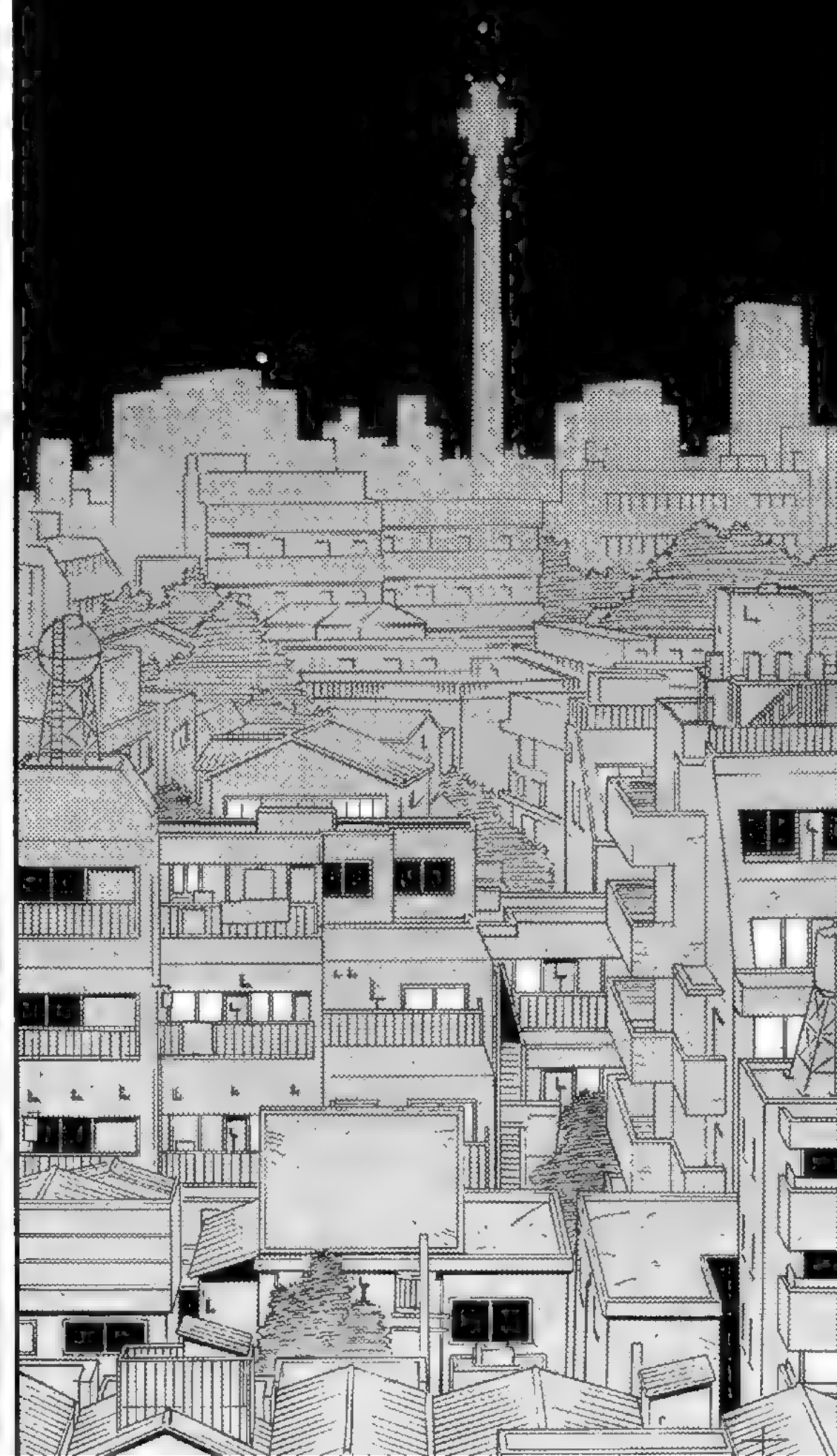


FUNBARI HILL, TOKYO



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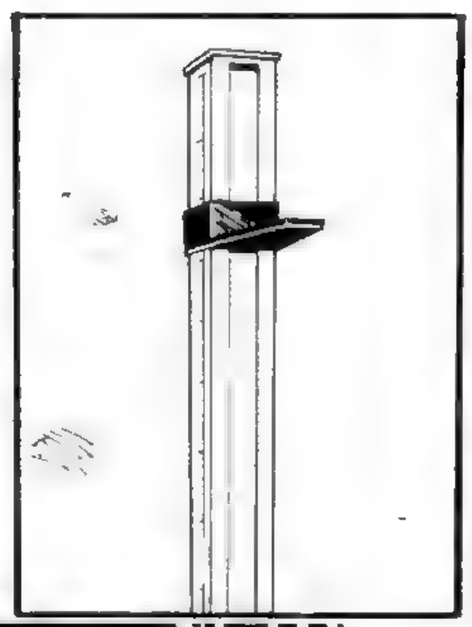
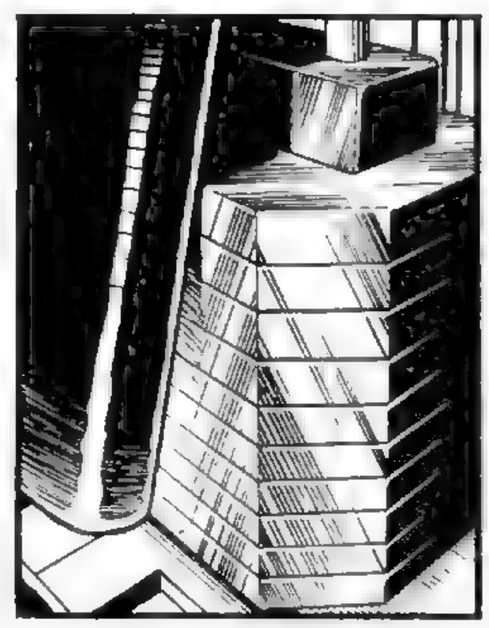
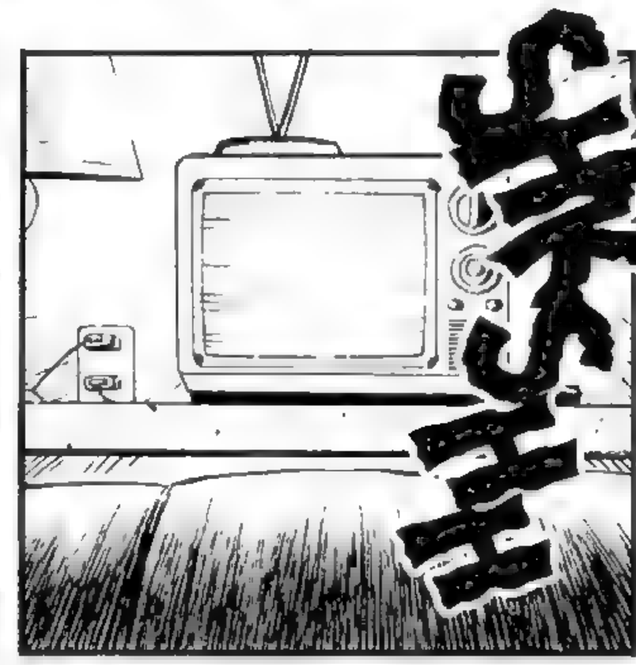
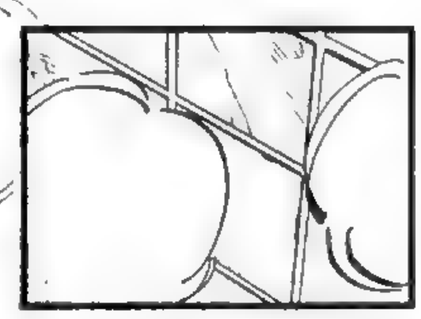






THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A SHOWER AFTER A HARD WORK-OUT.
AHHH...
SQUEEK



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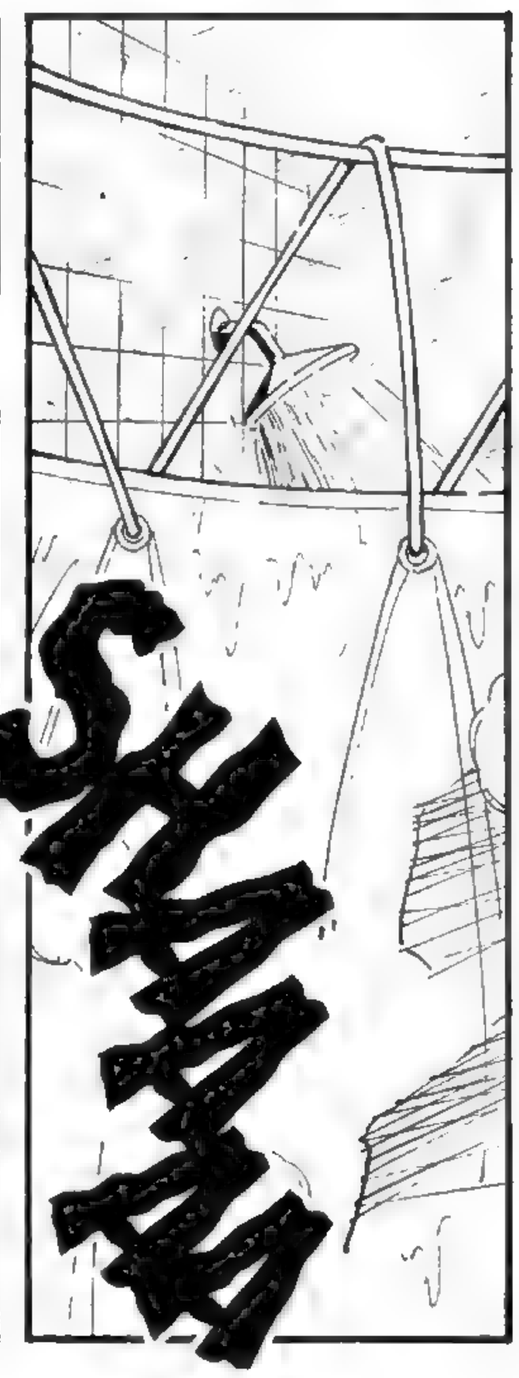
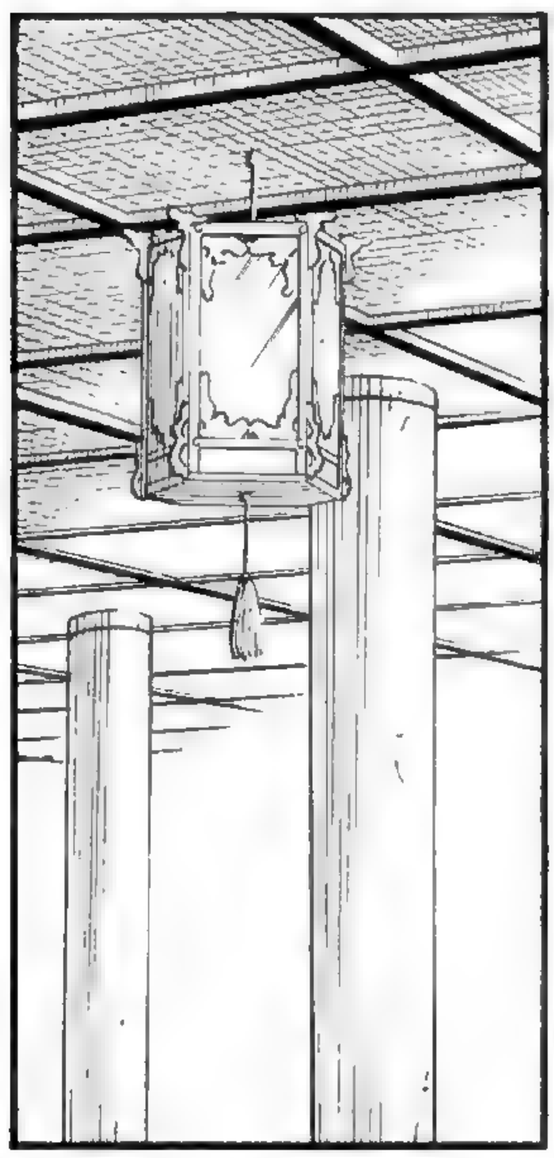

SHHH

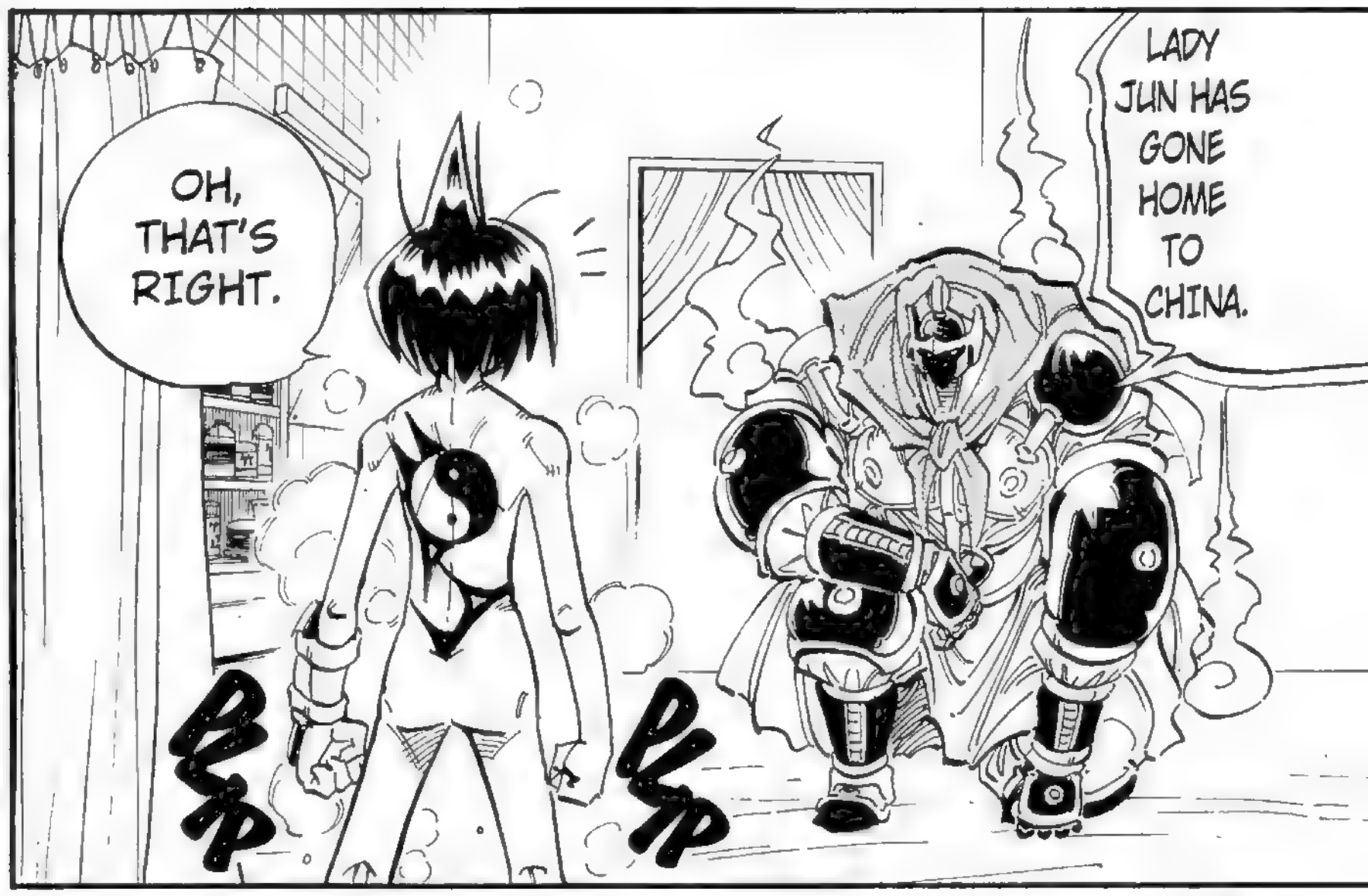
I NEED A TOWEL! AND WHERE'S MY MILK?!

JUN, I'M OUT OF THE BATH!

WHAM

MASTER REN...





WHY DID SHE HAVE TO GO *NOW*, OF ALL TIMES?!

YOUR FAMILY SUMMONED HER HOME TO REPORT ON YOUR PROGRESS, MASTER.

SHE COULD NOT REFUSE SUCH AN ORDER.

WHAT A LEGACY OF HATRED. AFTER 1,800 YEARS, REVENGE IS STILL ALL THEY CARE ABOUT!!

WHAT A WRETCHED, DESPICABLE LOT THEY ARE!!

GRK

UNDER-STANDABLY, REVENGE AND RESTORATION ARE THEIR PARAMOUNT GOALS.

YET, EVEN NOW, THEY REMAIN RELEGATED TO THE SHADOWS OF HISTORY...

THE TAO FAMILY'S TRAGIC TALE IS THE EPIC OF CHINA ITSELF.

IT CANNOT BE HELPED.

I HAVE SERVED THE TAOS IN LIFE AND IN DEATH, MASTER.

HMPH, RUBBISH.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT COMES BUT ONCE IN FIVE CENTURIES. NATURALLY THEIR INTEREST IS MOST KEEN.

ONLY A TAO SHAMAN KING CAN RESTORE THE FAMILY TO ITS RIGHTFUL GLORY.

FOR-GIVE ME, MAS-TER...

AFTER YOU LOST TO THAT SAMURAI?

YOU'RE THEIR DOG, BASON. WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU TO LECTURE ME ABOUT FAMILIAL DUTY...

ON MY STEED, BLACK PEACH, I WOULD SWEEP ACROSS THE BATTLEFIELD LIKE A SCYTHE.

I WAS INVINCIBLE.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO, I WAS AN INFAMOUS WARRIOR WHO STRUCK FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN.

MASTER, YOU ARE TOO CRUEL.

YOU KNOW VERY WELL...

HMPH... ARE YOU SAYING YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE YOUR HORSE?

...FOR GIVING ME THE HORSE WHITE PHOENIX TO BE THE SHAMANIC FOCUS FOR BLACK PEACH'S SOUL.

BUT I THANK YOU...

FORGIVE ME-- I JUST LOVE SEEING PEOPLE SQUIRM!
HAHAHA
HAH! HA HA HA HA HA!

HEH...
HEH HEH HEH...!

HOW-EVER...

AND TO THAT END...!!

AND IT IS MY MOST FERVENT DESIRE TO SEE YOU BECOME THE SHAMAN KING.
I UNDER-STAND, MASTER!

I GAVE YOU THAT HORSE TO BENEFIT ME, NOT THE TAO FAMILY.
DON'T GET ME WRONG, BASON.

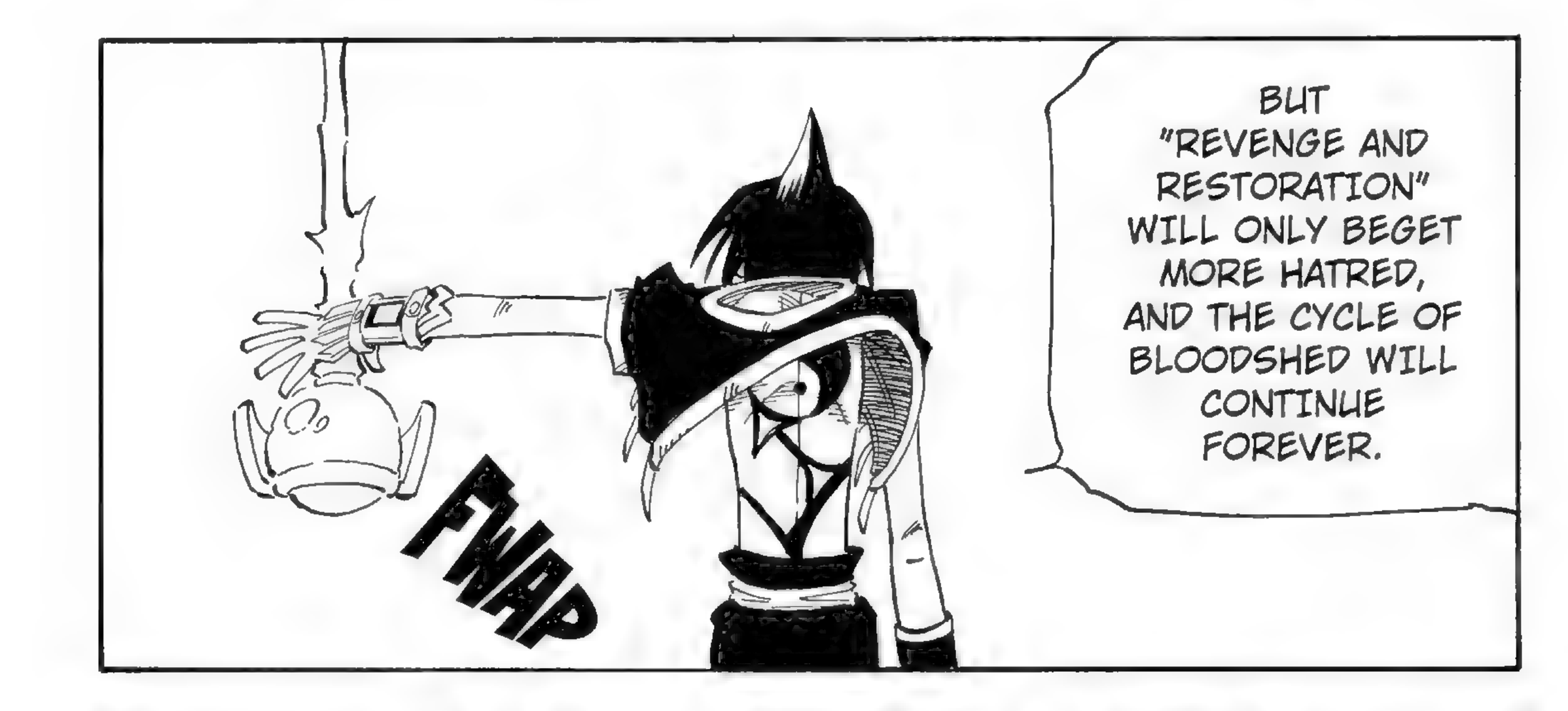
THAT'S MY INTENT.
HMPH.

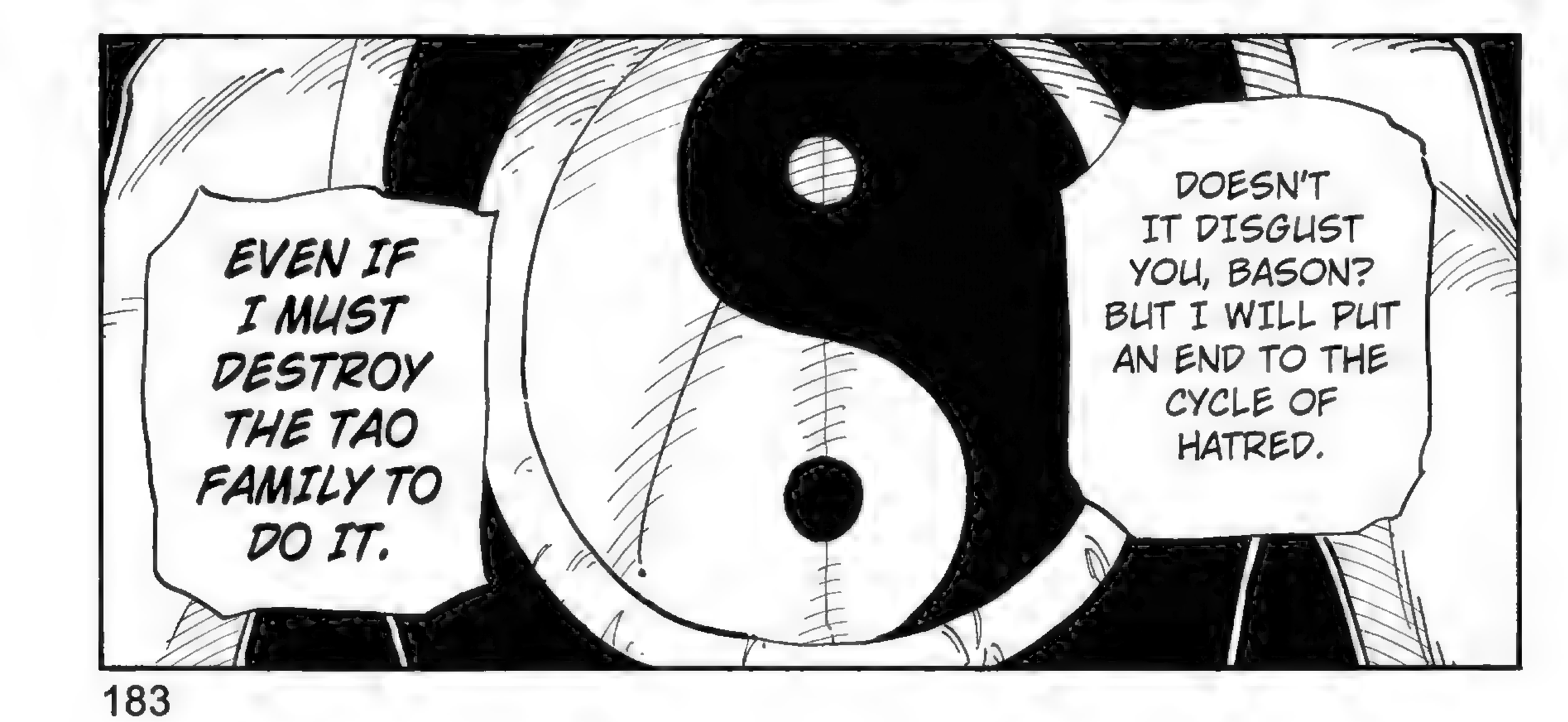
I HATE MY FAMILY.

MY SOUL IS AT YOUR SERVICE!!
UNTIL ITS FLAME IS EXTIN-GUISHED!!

I WAS BORN TO EXACT *THEIR* VENGEANCE.

STAINED WITH THE BLOOD OF THEIR ANCIENT GRUDGE...





FIGHT!

I WILL BE THE SHAMAN KING — AND BREAK ALL THE SHACKLES OF THIS WORLD!!

FOOM FOOM FOOM

...IS MY NEW IMPROVED OVER SOUL?

SO THIS...

I CAN FEEL RAW POWER SWELLING WITHIN ME.

IT'S AWE-SOME...

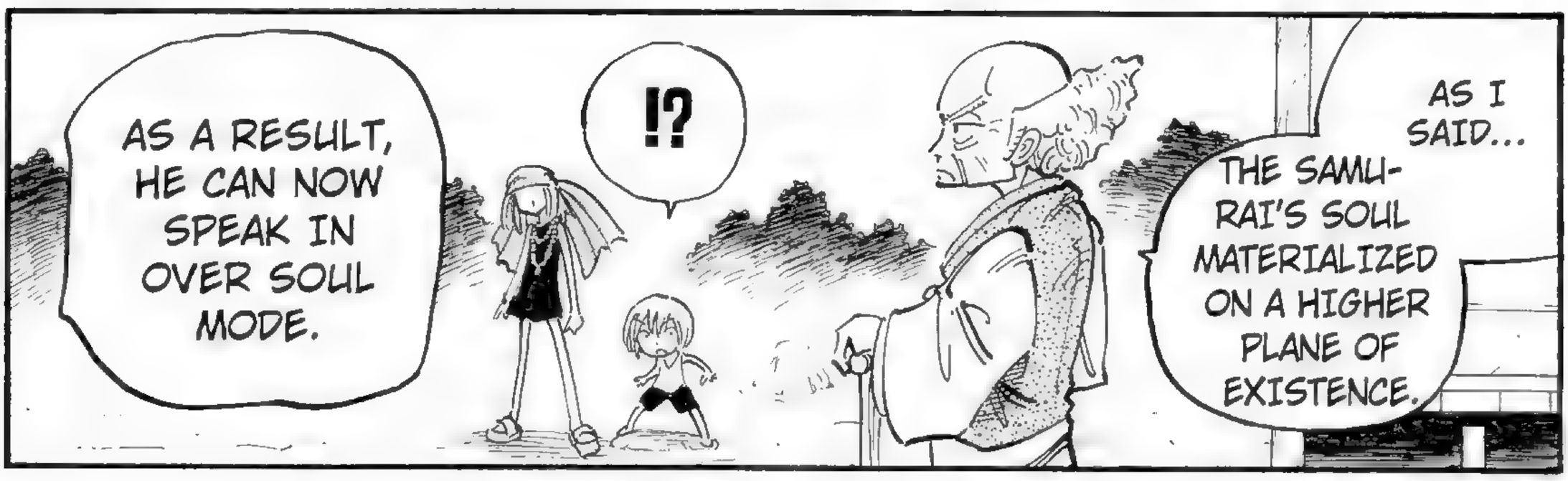
THIS IS MY NEW POWER...?

...UM...

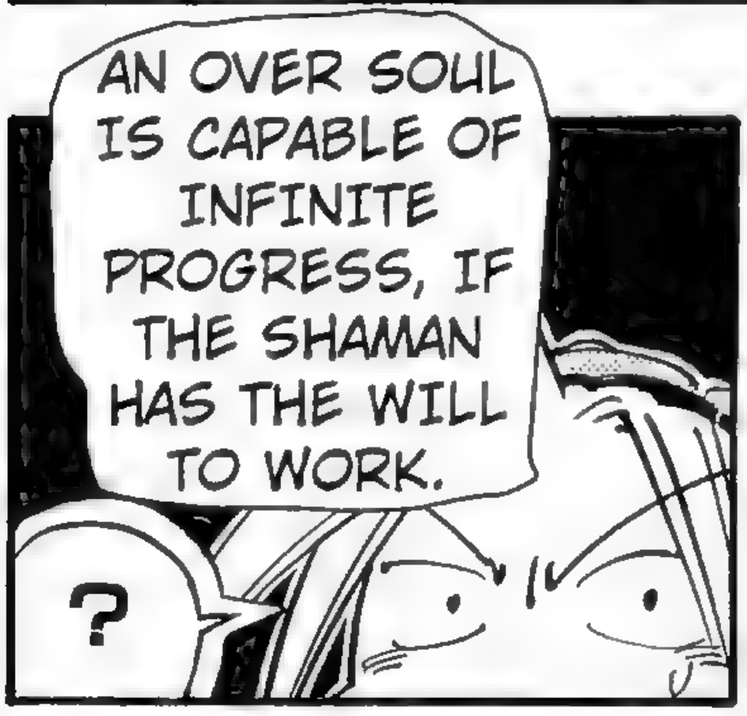
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "NEW POWER"...?

L-LORD YOH...

H-HOW? HE'S IN OVER SOUL MODE!
WHOA! AMIDAMARU SPOKE?!
GRAB


AS A RESULT, HE CAN NOW SPEAK IN OVER SOUL MODE.
!?
AS I SAID...
THE SAMURAI'S SOUL MATERIALIZED ON A HIGHER PLANE OF EXISTENCE.

THEN, THEY MUST PROVIDE MORE PROTECTION?
WHAT...?! THEN THAT SHOULDER GUARD AND SHIELD MATERIALIZED, TOO...?!


AN OVER SOUL IS CAPABLE OF INFINITE PROGRESS, IF THE SHAMAN HAS THE WILL TO WORK.
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BUT DON'T GET COMPLACENT.
INDEED.

DOES THAT MEAN... AMIDAMARU WOULD MATERIALIZE COMPLETELY...?

THEORETICALLY, WITH A GREAT ENOUGH INCREASE IN MANA, ONE COULD CREATE THE *PERFECT* OVER SOUL.

BUT ONE CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH MANA. KEEP WORKING.

WELL, THAT WOULD DEPEND ON THE SITUATION.

GOSH

IN ANY CASE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT CONCLUSIONS YOU CAME TO OR WHAT OBSTACLES YOU SURMOUNTED IN THE CAVERNS...

BUT WHAT HAPPENED THERE MUST HAVE BEEN FOR THE GOOD.

WELL DONE. YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY WILL BE CHEERING YOU ON IN THE SHAMAN FIGHT.

HWOOOO

THANKS, GRAND-PA...

WHERE HOPES AND DREAMS, HATREDS AND SORROWS CLASH IN A TORNADO OF SOULS.

THE SHAMAN FIGHT...

...HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY A DETERMINATION TO WIN.

I'LL MUDDLE THROUGH.

BUT YOH SEEMS CALM, AS THOUGH ALL OF HIS DOUBTS...

YOU KNOW ME.

WE LEFT IZUMO THE NEXT DAY. IN JUST FIVE DAYS, YOH WILL ONCE AGAIN FACE TAO REN...

—MANTA

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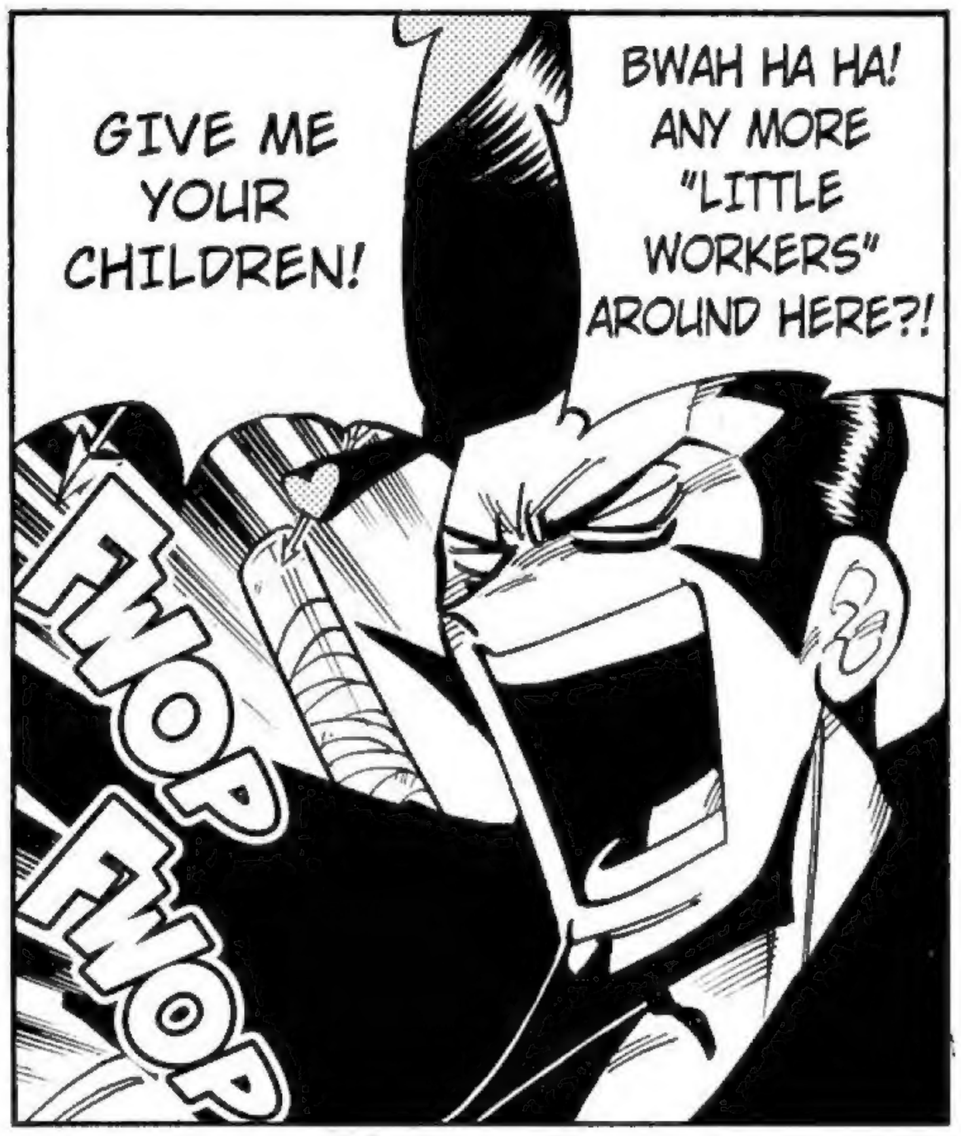
BY HIROYUKI TAKEI

WHEN EVILDOERS APPEAR, LEAVE IT TO TAMAO!

EVILDOERS WILL BE SWIFTLY PUNISHED!! WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE EVIL RYU...?! STAY TUNED!!



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